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ATTENTION BENTLEY STUDENTS ABROAD IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND

Late on March 11, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated their [travel notice for Europe](#), increasing to warning level 3 “avoid all non-essential travel” for many European countries. **As of this writing, ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND have not been elevated to a Level 3 Warning. Bentley University RECOMMENDS, but does not require, that you return to your permanent home given the new level of travel uncertainty.** It is our assessment that it would not be prudent to force your departure if you and your family agree that you can complete your semester at your host institution.

For those of you who intend to return home immediately, we will support you. We will work tirelessly with your host institutions to determine specifics of what is possible for your academic continuity, regardless of how long this takes. We will continue to take these steps whether you return home immediately or not.

If you will return home, please contact your airline to arrange a flight. Any student who has difficulty securing travel please contact your study abroad advisor by email or phone at 1.781.891.3474.

Travel Plans for Departing Students

Once you have secured a departure, you must report your departure date, departure city, arrival date and arrival city to your study abroad advisor. Monitor the [Department of Homeland Security](#), to ensure you have the most up to date information regarding President Trump’s March 11 Presidential Proclamation as you prepare to travel. All travelers returning to the United States from a country with a level 2 or 3 warning designation by the CDC may be subject to additional screening measures upon entry to the United States.

Academic Continuation

Follow guidance provided by your individual study abroad program. Notify on site advisors and professors of your departure and your willingness to continue remotely. Save all coursework to date and save all contact information of your professors if you have it. If you do not already have academic guidance from your program on course continuation, we will continue to work

to support you. Your study abroad advisor will advise you further. Bentley is committed to creative solutions

Student Support over the Weekend

Contact your program's onsite staff, local emergency contact, int'l insurance hotline, or Bentley University Police at +1.781.891.3131 whose dispatchers can reach the Cronin Office of International Education team. The International Education team is on standby to advise students throughout the weekend if you will have not yet departed.

Show Solidarity

Keep in mind that Europeans and people of all nations will continue to work together to slow the impact of Coronavirus. Please show compassion and support from Bentley and the US as your hosts continue to deal with the challenges of COVID-19 in their communities. Help us thank them for their hospitality.

Please know that we are here to support you in cooperation with study abroad partners and affiliates, and we will continue to make every effort to support your academic continuation. We appreciate your patience, adaptability, and flexibility in these unprecedented times. As always, the health and safety of Bentley students is our top priority. Bentley updates will continue to be posted here <https://www.bentley.edu/coronavirus> and you can find FAQs for all Bentley students here <https://www.bentley.edu/news/covid-19-faqs-students>

Sincerely,

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