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Dear Bentley Study Abroad Students and Families,

This is a brief note to share two informational updates:

On **March 13, 2020** the [US Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](https://www.dhs.gov/) issued a [Notice of Arrival Restrictions](#). Americans returning from restricted countries will now be required to travel through one of 13 designated airports. Upon arrival, travelers will proceed to standard customs processing. They will then continue to enhanced entry screening where the passenger will be asked about their medical history, current condition, and asked for contact information for local health authorities. Passengers will then be given written guidance about COVID-19 and directed to proceed to their final destination, and immediately home-quarantine in accordance with [CDC best practices](#).

On **March 14, 2020** the US announced that it will expand its entry restrictions to include foreign nationals with recent travel in the UK and Ireland. This comes following the March 11 announcement by President Trump restricting US entry of foreign nationals who have traveled within the European Schengen Area within 14 days of arrival. **These restrictions do NOT impact US Citizens, US Permanent Residents, or their family members.** As of this writing, there has been no change to the CDC advisory levels for the UK or Ireland.

Study abroad updates are available at <https://www.bentley.edu/offices/international-education/coronavirus> and all Bentley updates are available at <https://www.bentley.edu/coronavirus>

Please continue to communicate with your study abroad advisor about any questions or concerns. We are here to advise and support you! The health and safety of our students and the entire Bentley community remains the university's top priority.

Sincerely,

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