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Dear Study Abroad Students Preparing to Return Home,

We are here to support you as you prepare for your departure. Thank you to the many of you who have already reported your departure plans to your study abroad advisor. Please get in touch if we haven't heard from you already. Let your study abroad advisor know if you have any difficulty or need any guidance. The following resources from the US Department of State may be helpful to you:

US Embassy Guidance in Each Country

This resource compiles each US embassy's current recommendations and country-specific support to US citizens departing. [See a list of embassy websites for country-specific COVID-19 information](#)

U.S. Office of Overseas Citizen Services for 24/7 assistance

Consular personnel at [embassies and consulates](#) abroad are available 24/7 via Overseas Citizen Services. Call from outside the U.S and Canada: +1.202.501.4444 or call toll-free within the U.S and Canada: +1.888.407.4747

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

For those of you who did not already enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) you can still do so now to receive alerts and make it easier for embassy personnel to locate you in the event that commercial travel becomes limited. The Department of State uses these Alerts to convey information about terrorist threats, security incidents, planned demonstrations, natural disasters, etc.

Please let your study abroad advisor know if you have any questions or concerns as you depart. The health and safety of our students is Bentley's top priority. We will continue to be in touch upon your return regarding academics, etc.

Sincerely,

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