COVID 19 and Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

Effective March 23rd, 2020, Study Abroad will be available remotely until further notice. For any questions or concerns, e-mail us at studyabroad@bsu.edu or call our main number: 765-285-5422. Our office will respond to you as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and are working diligently to respond to all your questions and concerns.

Will I receive a reimbursement for my summer program costs?
All student program deposits and payments for summer 2020 study abroad programs will be refunded. The Bursar’s Office will apply all refunds onto the student’s ebill account in early April.

I applied for a Summer 2020 Scholarship, what happens now?
All scholarships for summer 2020 study abroad programs have been suspended. Unfortunately, funds are available by fiscal year, so the scholarships are unable to be applied to future programs. We strongly encourage all future applicants to apply for study abroad scholarships for their programs.

Will Fall study abroad programs be operational?
At this time, all fall programming, with the exception of fall programs in Australia and New Zealand, are scheduled to operate as usual. Should conditions persist that prevent some or all fall study abroad programs from operating as normal, we will notify students immediately. We have been in communication with the Provost’s Office to ensure a decision about fall programming is made in a timely manner that allows students to make alternative plans should their program be unable to operate.

What should I do about Fall 2020 registration?
The Study Abroad Office will register all exchange and provider students in INSA 400 placeholder credit for their fall study abroad programs. Faculty led program students should register for courses per their department and faculty leaders instructions.
In addition, all exchange and provider programs students should register for courses for on-campus courses as if they planned to study here in Muncie. This will serve as a backup in case their fall study abroad program cancels.

**What should I do about Fall 2020 housing?**
All fall study abroad students should be prepared to secure housing in the event of fall study abroad program cancellation.

**What about my visa/flight arrangements?**
All fall study abroad program participants should avoid paying any non-recoverable expenses, including airfare, until it is confirmed that their program will operate as normal. Again, the Study Abroad Office has been in communication with the Provost’s Office to ensure a decision about fall programming is made in a timely manner that allows students to make alternative plans with limited financial impact, should their program be unable to operate.

**How will I know the status of my program?**
The Study Abroad Office will follow up with each participant via email in the event there are any changes to their program’s status. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact our office at studyabroad@bsu.edu for assistance. We are here to help at all times.