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Dear Study Abroad Students,

As you are aware, the status regarding the novel (new) coronavirus, known as [COVID-19](#), continues to evolve. Over the past months, the U.S. and countries across the globe have taken [unprecedented measures to restrict travel](#) and limit the spread of the virus. In light of the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, the University of Delaware has decided to cancel all fall 2020 study abroad programs.

The University is taking this action now out of an abundance of caution for your safety and well-being. While we understand that this decision may disappoint you, our goal is to give you ample time to plan your housing, courses and finances for the fall semester. This is a difficult time for us all and for our partners around the world, but we hope that our decision today provides you and your family with some degree of certainty for the coming months.

It may be possible for you to participate in your exchange for the spring semester only, depending on travel restrictions and the health situation, both globally and in your host country, in the coming months. If you are interested in this possibility, please [contact me](#). Note that a final decision regarding the feasibility of spring semester study abroad may not be made for some time.

Please know that we share your disappointment in the cancelation of your program, and we hope that you will be able to study abroad at some point during your time at UD. You are a valued member of our community, and we are here to support you. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit the [UD website](#). Should you have any questions, please [contact our office](#) at any time.

Sincerely,

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