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Dear Full-Time MBA Students,

The impact of the Coronavirus continues to ripple around the world. At USC Marshall, all international trips have been cancelled through May, including PRIME, GLOBE (MBA.PM), LINC (undergraduate), and travel requirements for elective courses. The school has also been working with students studying abroad this semester to bring them back to the US to finish the semester if they would like.

**Travel Advisory**
Given recent heightened government restrictions regarding re-entry into the US and other countries, we strongly encourage all students to closely evaluate any upcoming personal international travel plans in order to alleviate risk of re-entry to the US where possible. As you are probably aware, the U.S. Department of State has issued a **Level 4** travel advisory for China, and a **Level 3** travel advisory for South Korea. Additionally, there are real concerns in **Europe** and confirmed cases of the virus in **South America**.

When making travel plans, consider the possibility that countries you are visiting may decide to implement restrictions while you are outside the U.S.; the potential cancellation of flights and the possibility of additional quarantine measures or restricted re-entry into the United States. There have been recent cases where Marshall students traveled to China and, due to visa constraints related to the Coronavirus situation, are now unable to return to the U.S.; thus, they are unable to continue with their Spring 2020 classes on campus. If you find yourself unable to return to the US after Spring Break, you risk your ability to successfully complete your Spring 2020 courses. We strongly encourage international students to discuss their international travel plans with Office of International Services (OIS) before traveling.

**Wellness**
We remain committed to supporting all students within our community, especially international students who may be experiencing increased anxiety or stress related to concerns about family and friends abroad. If you are feeling added stress or anxiety, please reach out. You can call 213-740-9355 (WELL) to schedule an appointment with a counselor through USC Student Counseling Services, or come in to speak with us in the Program Office.

International students are also encouraged to visit the **Let’s Talk** session for international students, offered at the OIS. **Let’s Talk** is a drop-in opportunity to meet with a psychologist at OIS and get professional guidance on any number of social and mental health topics. These sessions take place every Tuesday from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

**Additional Measures**
We continue to monitor the Coronavirus outbreak very closely and will consider additional precautionary measures here on campus in the coming days. In the meantime, it is critically important to take basic protective actions for the virus as well as the more regular “flu” like regular hand washing, avoiding shaking hands, and staying home when you don’t feel well. USC has created a dedicated website to house updates regarding the **Novel Coronavirus** and how it is impacting the university community that you can refer to as well.
The health and well-being of our students is our highest priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have concerns or just want to talk with someone.

All the best,

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