

COVID-19 Guidance for Exceptions to Prohibited Travel

The University will continue to update the prohibitions on University-affiliated travel in connection with protecting against the transmission of COVID-19.

All exceptions for **faculty and researchers** must be pre-approved by the Provost with a favorable recommendation from the appropriate academic Dean or Director of an Institute or Center.

All exceptions for **administrative staff and athletics events** must be pre-approved by the Chancellor with a favorable recommendation from an appropriate Vice Chancellor or the Athletics Director. For athletic events, relevant guidance issued by the NCAA and the applicable conference should be considered.

All exceptions for **students and student organizations** must be pre-approved by the Provost with a recommendation from the Office of Student Affairs.

The types of travel that may warrant an exception from prohibited travel include:

- Travel is intended to assist in the assessment of, treatment for, or research relating to, COVID-19 or other critical health care issues.
- Travel relating to the University's legal, risk management, or emergency response efforts relating to COVID-19.
- Travel that is required to assure the continued operations of the University in response to COVID-19.
- Travel that is necessary and time-sensitive to preserve the safety of a research subject or the results of a substantial and ongoing research activity.
- Travel that is required to complete a grant or award requirement or deliverable for which the failure to perform will substantially jeopardize the continuation of grant or award.
- Travel to appear in any legal, judicial, or regulatory proceeding on behalf of the University as a party, a witness, or as necessary to assist the University in the proceeding.
- Travel that is necessary to meet a requirement for graduation this semester, that cannot otherwise be postponed, and for which the failure to travel could result in the failure to receive a degree at the end of the semester.
- Travel that is part of a University-sponsored academic or athletic program that has been pre-approved by the Chancellor and subject to any necessary or appropriate requirements or conditions.

The Chancellor or Provost will consider all relevant facts and circumstances in determining whether to approve an exception to the travel prohibition, including but not limited to the mode of transportation, the level of infection in the areas of travel, the quality and availability of healthcare in the travel areas, the number of people involved in the University-affiliated activity, and the availability and practicality of social distancing measures.

If University-affiliated travel is pre-approved, faculty, researchers, staff, and students may be required to register their travel information, including their expected dates of travel and location. The approval of travel does not rule out the possibility that the University may require faculty, researchers, staff, and students to self-quarantine upon return, and the University may modify these rules before, during, or after an individual's travel to use its best reasonable efforts to keep the individual and the University community healthy and safe.

COVID-19 Guidance for Exceptions to Prohibited Gatherings of More than 100

When granting an exception to the prohibitions on University meetings, conferences, and events for gatherings of more than 100, the Chancellor or Provost will consider public health and medical guidelines intended to help limit the potential spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to the following:

- The anticipated number of participants.
- The risk profile of the participant audience.
- The size and environment of the proposed location or venue (i.e., indoor/outdoor, meeting or conference, level of interaction among participants, etc.)
- The level of infection within the community at the time of the event.
- The availability and practicality of social distancing measures at the event.
- Any specific CDC guidelines or other relevant health and safety guidelines deemed appropriate for the circumstance.

If University-affiliated gatherings of more than 100 are approved, the Chancellor or Provost may impose additional requirements or conditions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Each institution may provide further guidance as necessary to address its specific needs and processes, and to impose additional conditions and restrictions as necessary and appropriate.