

UFIC Notice to Exchange Partner Universities - March 12, 2020

Dear Partners,

I hope this email finds you well during this ever-changing time. I am contacting you today from the University of Florida, since we are currently hosting students from your university. I wanted to share with you the current measures being taken in response to COVID-19 here at UF.

For the most updated information, please refer to the UF website: <http://www.ufl.edu/health-updates/>. Communications sent to faculty, students, and staff are archived by date. In addition, the International Center has provided guidance as it relates to the various populations we serve. Please find those communications archived here: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/ufic-communications-coronavirus>. We have also encouraged exchange students specifically to check communications with their home universities for any updates coming from you.

Most recently, the UF announced all coursework will be moving online by Monday, March 16 and will remain online until at least March 30. It is prudent to plan for the likelihood that this may be extended to the end of the semester. The campus will remain open and operational and students are permitted to remain in their dormitories on-campus at this time. Facilities (like dining halls, libraries, etc.) would also be open for any students remaining on-campus.

I've met with and corresponded with many of your students individually who are considering different options with regards to completing their exchange semester. If students decide to come home early, we will certainly inform you of this decision right away.

We remain committed to ensuring the well-being of your students and will continue to keep you informed of evolving university processes. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.