## UFIC Notice to Incoming Exchange Visitors (J-1 Program) from western Europe - March 12, 2020

Dear exchange visitors,

I hope this email finds you well.

As you may have seen, the United States has implemented a travel restriction for flights between the US and countries in the <u>Schengen area</u>, for the next 30 days. We want to reach out to you and let you know that we are first, thinking of you, and second, monitoring the situation very closely.

We recommend that you contact your UF host department for inquiries regarding the next steps for your program. The UFIC unit of Exchange Visitor Services (EVS) wants to reassure that your immigration records are not going to be affected by the current circumstances, and we will work with you and your host department once you have made your decision on what to do moving forward.

We, unfortunately, do not have further information, at this point, on whether or not the travel restrictions are going to be extended. As soon as the competent authorities release more directives on the issue, we will inform you.

Please, let us know if you have any further questions.

You may keep up-to-date with information sent from the <u>UF International Center</u> as well as overall directives and guidance from the <u>University of Florida</u> in regards to COVID-19.