

## UFIC Notice to J-1 Exchange Partner Students - March 12, 2020

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Dear Exchange Students,

In response to the recent university-wide updates, I'd like to share some considerations regarding your Exchange Program. I've contacted your Home Universities with similar information as well.

I recognize you may be navigating some questions and decisions at this time. Here's what we know:

Yesterday, the University announced all coursework will be moving online by Monday, March 16 and will remain online until at least March 30. An additional email was sent out today clarifying that on-campus housing will still be available for students stating:

*"We would like to make clear that any student for whom this represents an impossibility or a significant hardship, including our international students, or who simply chooses to stay, is neither required nor expected to return home at this time. Campus housing and other facilities remain open and available to these students, as do other resources and support services. All our students are a valued and important part of the Gator community, and we are committed to providing all possible support for them in the current challenging context."*

If you are considering leaving the US for the duration of your Exchange Program or are requested to do so by your Home University, that is also possible and we will work to support the steps necessary for that decision. In that case, please take time as soon as possible to complete the following questionnaire to indicate upcoming travel plans: [https://iss.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=OneStep.Apply&Program\\_ID=10061](https://iss.internationalcenter.ufl.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=OneStep.Apply&Program_ID=10061). (Make sure to login to the ISSS platform using "Non-UF Login" access). I ask that if you are staying in Gainesville, please also complete the questionnaire.

I will make sure to provide updates and guidance as it becomes available. Please know that I continue to be available for support and to address questions on an individual basis as well.