Spring 2020 study abroad students,

**All students:** Complete [this survey](#) as soon as possible to notify us of your location and academic needs. Even if you previously told us your location, **we need you to reply to this survey.**

**For those still abroad:** Today the U.S. Department of State issued a [Global Level 4 “Do not travel” Health Advisory](#):
- “In countries where commercial departure remains available, **U.S. citizens...should arrange for immediate return to the United States, unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period.”**
- “Many countries are ...implementing travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines, closing borders, and prohibiting non-citizens from entry with little advance notice.”
- “Airlines have cancelled many international flights”
- “The Department of State authorized the departure of U.S. personnel and family members from any diplomatic or consular post in the world who have determined they are at a higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19...These departures may limit the ability of U.S. Embassies and consulates to provide services to U.S. citizens.”

Please read [what the Department of State can and can’t do in a crisis](#), which answers many questions you or your family may be asking.

We look forward to hearing soon of your safe return to the U.S.

Sincerely,
Kim Howard
Director
Office of International Education

**NOTE:** Our staff now is working primarily remotely due to COVID-19. The fastest way to reach us during business hours is by email at this address. However, we are checking voicemail (1-802-656-4296) every 15 minutes, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and returning calls as soon as we reasonably can. As always, in an emergency outside of business hours our staff can be reached by calling UVM Police Services (1-802-656-3473).