

Dear Student

In conjunction to the email to all Kent students, which you will have recently received, we are contacting you as a Kent student undertaking a study or work placement abroad.

Your health and safety is of utmost importance to us here at the University of Kent and we would like to reassure you that the University has policies in place for students whose time abroad is affected by the outbreak.

We are continuing to monitor the Covid-19 situation very closely along with any special measures that are being taken by host universities and local authorities. Our policy is to abide by our host institution responses, in conjunction with international and UK government guidelines, including those of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

Please keep aware of FCO and local advice and follow carefully communications from your host university and be prepared to respond quickly should the guidance in your host country change.

If you need to return home, please be advised of the following:

- The University will put in mitigation measures to ensure a student's academic position is not impacted should they need to return early from a study or work placement
- Consider current or subsequent arrangements you may require regarding your accommodation should you decide to leave your current location and seek advice from us if necessary
- If you do leave with the anticipation that a return to your studies at the host university may be possible in due course, consider implications if this is not possible. You may decide it is better therefore to take all your belongings with you.
- Consider any potential impact on your financial arrangements. You may find the following link useful: <https://www.heinfo.slc.co.uk/engagement/hep-news/students-returning-from-study-abroad-in-countries-affected-by-coronavirus.aspx>
- Consider any potential impact on your Tier 4 status if you are an international student. If you hold a Tier 4 visa, please contact the Student Immigration Compliance Team at Kent (visacompliance@kent.ac.uk) The University is in touch with the Home Office regarding the situation.
- Notify the Insurance Office (insurance@kent.ac.uk) at Kent
- Notify us of your travel plans. You should normally return to your home residence unless it is unfeasible to do so. Please let us know if you have any concerns about this.
- All students need to consider previous advice on hygiene, health & safety and consideration of lifestyle in your host country and follow FCO and Public Health England UK government guidance

Please do not hesitate to contact your School Placement Office if you have any concerns or have other support needs.

For the time being, we continue to recommend that you follow local advice given by the authorities and that you monitor FCO and Public Health England guidelines.

Please note the following information and contacts:

- University's website of use: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/coronavirus>
- University's Student Wellbeing Team (wellbeing@kent.ac.uk) if you require.

- FCO travel advice: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>
- NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- NHS Self-Isolation Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>
- Public Health England: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Kind regards,

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