

University of Maryland COVID-19

Travel Guidelines for All Faculty, Staff, & Employees of University of Maryland Medical System, University of Maryland, Baltimore, & Faculty Physicians Inc.

THIS GUIDANCE WILL BE UPDATED AS CONDITIONS CHANGE.

Cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) are rapidly escalating worldwide. Due to the current public health situation, many countries have begun implementing strict screening procedures or closing their borders in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. The unified aim of UMMS, UMB, and FPI is to protect the safety of all staff, faculty, employees, students, patients, and visitors across their campuses. These guidelines are to encourage safe travel by all members of our community.

NOTE: All guidance below referencing CDC Risk Assessment Levels are specific to CDC Risk Assessment Levels associated with the COVID-19 hazard. CDC Risk Assessment Levels associated with other hazards (e.g. Ebola, Dengue, Monkeypox, etc.) are not applicable and should not be considered in relation to the below guidance.

General Recommendations:

- All individuals planning international travel should review new travel restrictions being enforced in many countries due to COVID-19.
- Please note that the U.S. Government could close the borders partially or wholly at any time, changing this advice substantially. All travelers should factor the uncertainty into their travel planning.
- Given the rapidly evolving global spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), **all faculty, staff, and employees of UMMS, UMB, and FPI should self-quarantine for 14 days** after returning from travel to or through countries with community transmission of COVID-19 (**CDC Risk Assessment Level 1-3**). An up to date list of these countries can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website](#). As information is constantly changing and evolving, please check this reference frequently for updated recommendations.

Please see below for organization-specific guidance.

UMMS Employee International Travel:

We are asking that all employees returning from any international travel contact Infection Prevention or Employee Health prior to returning to work and if possible, employees should consider deferral of international travel at this time.

FPI Employee International Travel:

We are asking that all employees returning from any international travel contact FPI Employee Health Services at (410) 328-2637 prior to returning to work and if possible, employees should consider deferral of international travel at this time.

UMB Faculty, Staff, & Employee International Travel:

- **Personal Travel:** Faculty, staff, & employees are encouraged to monitor media and local information sources and factor updated, rapidly changing information into personal travel plans and activities. Faculty, staff, or employees planning personal international travel accept all of the potential risks associated with leaving the United States at this time.
- **UMB-Related International Travel:** UMB related international travel includes all travel supported in any way by UMB.
 - UMB is immediately suspending UMB-related faculty, staff, and employee international travel to or through any country that is under a **CDC Risk Assessment Level 3** advisory.
 - Faculty, staff, or employees wishing to travel to or through any such country requires the authorization of the appropriate Dean or VP.
 - Faculty, staff, or employees already present in a CDC Risk Assessment Level 3 country, or who are in a country that becomes Risk Assessment Level 3 while they are there, are required by UMB to:
 - Contact their supervisor to discuss when and how to leave the international site, depending on the circumstances.
 - Contact the UMB Human Resources Office for information about Leave or other UMB HR related policy questions.
 - Contact University of Maryland Immediate Care (UMIC) upon return to the U.S. to report travel and to receive guidance at 667-214-1899 or shealth@som.umaryland.edu.
 - Anticipate a self-quarantine for up to 14 days upon arrival in the U.S.
 - Faculty, staff, and employees currently present in **CDC Risk Assessment Level 2** countries should be prepared to return to the U.S. quickly should the CDC designation or other circumstances change.
- All UMB individuals contemplating or planning international travel should **contact International SOS**, the medical and security assistance resource for UMB, at **215-942-8478** for up-to-date advisory information on any travel itinerary.
- The Center for Global Education faculty and staff will act as a resource for faculty, staff, and school and department leaders and available at globaltimore@umaryland.edu