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Dear MPPs/Department Chairs:

As most of you are probably aware, there is new strain of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that has been identified as a “public health emergency of international concern.” Yesterday, the Department of State raised the Travel Advisory Level for the entire country of China to a Level 4, which is their highest warning level (“Do Not Travel”). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also currently classifies China at a Travel Warning Level 3, which is the CDC’s highest rating (“Avoid Non-Essential Travel”).

**Because of these increased travel warning levels, all University-sponsored travel to China will be temporarily suspended, and any exceptions must be approved by the President and the Chancellor’s Office.**

We recognize that this may impact some travel plans of your staff and/or students and encourage you to start a conversation right away with anyone who may have current or future plans to travel to China for University-related reasons. Although the current elevated warning levels only apply to mainland China, we encourage you to also reconsider any travel to Hong Kong or Taiwan as well until further information is available on the impact to these areas.

As this outbreak appears to be highly dynamic, future travel guidelines or restrictions may follow. We will continue to provide updates as needed.

Please see the State Department and CDC bulletins for additional information:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>  
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/china>

If you have any questions, please reach feel free to reach out to me at ext. 4516 or [efullerton@csusm.edu](mailto:efullerton@csusm.edu).

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