Hello international students,

Your safety is our top priority. As such, we understand that sometimes students just don't feel at peace until they are "home." In those cases, if you feel you need to go home (outside of the U.S.), then by all means, you should go. But please keep these important travel considerations in mind.

**Traveling decreases your social distance** - You will be very close to other travelers when you take a plane, train, or bus. Do you have a plan for staying healthy while in close contact with others?

**Returning to the U.S. will probably be difficult** - Even if you are going to a country that is not currently on the U.S. travel ban (related to COVID-19), the country could soon be on the travel ban list considering how quickly things are changing. We just don't know how long international travel will be restricted.

"**Alternative Instructional Methods**" are supported by U.S. Immigration - SEVP confirmed on March 12th that it supports universities’ flexibility in providing alternative instructional methods which allow students to make progress towards their degree. Any alternative instructional methods implemented for Spring 2020 in relation to COVID-19 will not count as "online classes." Also, it is ok for students continue to keep up with their coursework via alternative instructional methods while they are temporarily out of the U.S.

**We want to know if international students leave the U.S.** - Please notify the ISSO (intlsso@uncc.edu) if you plan to leave the U.S. before summer break. We don't foresee taking any immigration action when students are temporarily out of the U.S., but we do want to know who you are so we can advise you properly.

Kind regards,

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OPT Application Review:
Thursday at 2:00pm *Based upon prior registration*