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Subject: Covid-19 (novel Corona Virus) Update: Travel Advisory Notice:

Dear All,

As you will be aware, the novel-coronavirus outbreak which began in Wuhan City in China continues to evolve and has now emerged in parts of Italy.

The travel advisory information for Italy from the Department of Foreign Affairs website is published here: <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/italy/> .

As of yesterday, the 24th February 2020, the **Department of Foreign Affairs have advised citizens not to travel to the towns of Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano).**

In addition, the regions of Lombardy, Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Piemonte and Emilia Romagna have put certain restrictions in place, including in relation to events, and the temporary closure of educational and cultural institutions.

It is important to note that travel insurance policies will generally not cover travel to a country where the Department of Foreign Affairs has a travel advisory of "avoid non-essential travel" in force.

Based on the guidance of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the University advises against travel/booking travel to the towns listed above at present for academic visits, student exchanges, student recruitment activities etc.

Staff considering travel to the regions in Italy listed above should consider the necessity for their trip and should consult the latest Department of Foreign Affairs guidance before making travel bookings and again before departure.

It is also advisable to consult the guidance of the local authorities in the country to which travel is planned.

Further advice available re COVID-19 on www.hpsc.ie and www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/flu

Regards,

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