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Dear Iowa State Community:

I am writing to update you on new developments regarding university travel restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Reynolds announced yesterday that all non-essential state employee travel is canceled. As a state institution, Iowa State University is included in this directive.

Accordingly, **all university-related non-essential domestic travel is prohibited until further notice, effective immediately.** Travel exception requests should be submitted to univeventauth@iastate.edu and must demonstrate that the travel is essential to the operation of Iowa State University; that no alternative method of convening is possible; and that the health and safety of Iowa State employees will be appropriately managed.

For personal travel within the U.S., we strongly urge you to use extreme caution and judgment. Please check the [state and territorial health department websites for the latest information.](#)

Stay Informed

This continues to be a rapidly evolving and unprecedented situation. Thank you for staying informed by reading these important university communications. We also continue to post new information on the [campus safety page](#), so please check that site regularly.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wintersteen
President