

SUBJECT: Travel ban - Europe  
March 12, 2020

Dear Cornell international staff and faculty,

By now, you have heard about [President Trump's announcement](#) banning travel for foreign nationals from Europe (defined as the Schengen Area) for 30 days, effective this Friday, March 13, 2020 at midnight, EST. This ban is similar to the ban that the U.S. imposed on foreign nationals who had been in or through China when the virus first broke in January.

This latest development will inevitably create uncertainties for some of you. But please know that we are working hard to understand the full implications of the announcement and to offer support. We are continuously monitoring the situation and will keep you informed as things change. Right now, there is no ban on flights to Europe and no disruption of work on campus as a result of the new travel regulations is expected.

Your safety and security are our priority. The International Services advisors can assist with any U.S. visa and travel questions you may have.

Please take care of yourselves, check in with your loved ones and friends, and reach out to International Services at [international@cornell.edu](mailto:international@cornell.edu) with any questions about returning to your home country. Please email vice provost Wolford at [vpia@cornell.edu](mailto:vpia@cornell.edu) if you have any other questions related to international activities, and email vice president Opperman at [vp\\_of\\_hr@cornell.edu](mailto:vp_of_hr@cornell.edu) if you have any questions related to your employment position on campus.

All the very best,

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