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Dear MSU Students:

As our semester break draws near and many of you ready yourselves for a week of volunteer service, reflection, fun or rest, it is important to remind you that your safety is a priority to the MSU community. Whether you travel across the world, the country, the state or stay in East Lansing, we want to provide some important information and resources.

Given current reports of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we cannot predict what international travel restrictions may be imposed. If you choose to travel to a destination that is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak, upon return you could be subjected to quarantine restrictions. These possible restrictions include: Ingham County Public Health-advised self-quarantine for 14 days; actively monitored, required quarantine for 14 days; relocation to a quarantine facility for 14 days; or possible restriction of entry to the United States. Please take all of this into account when making travel arrangements.

Regardless of where you choose to travel, be informed. You may find information at msu.edu/coronavirus, as well as from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>.

In addition to the information on the coronavirus, we offer you the following reminders:

- You are safer when you stay together. Watch out for your friends and ask them to watch out for you. **(94% of MSU students report watching out for friends during spring break) ***
- Be aware of the laws and consequences of choosing to drink wherever you plan to be, especially if you leave the country. Laws and ordinances are not all the same. If you are concerned about a friend who has had too much to drink, please refer to this information for help: <https://bit.ly/MSUmtc2020> **(96% of MSU students approve of getting medical help for a friend) ***
- The overwhelming majority of our students report no use of any illegal or recreational drugs at any time during the past year. This choice not to use is especially important when traveling across country or out of the country. **(91% of MSU students make arrangements to get home safely when out and about on Spring Break) ***
- Some of you will travel to environments that are new to you. Take time to familiarize yourself with your surroundings. It is important to know what your options are in case you need to act. If you are traveling out of the country follow this link for a useful handout of important information: <https://www.isp.msu.edu/files/9314/4735/9848/KnowBeforeYouGo.pdf>
- If you remain in East Lansing and are concerned about your safety, please contact the MSU Police Department at 517-355-2221 or, in an emergency, dial 911. **(89% of MSU students would call 911 to help a friend) ***
- You can call the East Lansing Police Department at 517-351-4220 to request a property check while you are away.

- Spartans look out for one another. If a situation feels wrong for you or your friends, say something and/or do something. It's always better to leave or intervene than to do nothing.

The 24-hour emergency line, answered by the MSU Police, is 517-353-3784. We encourage you to use this number if you urgently need to communicate with someone at the university, any time of the day.

Be safe, enjoy your break, and make a positive difference wherever you go.

Sincerely,

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