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**RE:** SMHS Essential International Travel – Spring 2021

Dear faculty, staff, and students,

Based on the recent announcement from Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs M. Brian Blake regarding the continued suspension of study abroad programs and non-essential student travel, this email contains information specific to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) for the Spring 2021 semester.

The SMHS interim process for requesting essential international travel approval will remain in effect through the spring semester. Until further notice, **only essential GW-affiliated international travel will be approved.** Faculty, staff, and students can request international travel approval by submitting the Essential International Travel Request Form linked below. In addition, please refer to the following guidelines for further information on the process:

1. [Guidelines for Requesting Approval for Essential International Travel](#)
2. [Essential International Travel Request and Approval Form](#)

Both documents are also available to access on [IMP's](#) homepage under "Quick Links." Students planning to participate in any international medical programs are encouraged to contact IMP for more information on online international electives and opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding essential international travel for SMHS, please contact the IMP office at [impinfo@gwu.edu](mailto:impinfo@gwu.edu). Thank you for your continued cooperation and we look forward to resuming international travel as soon it is safe to do so.

Best regards,

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