

### **Minot State travel advisory for China**

On Feb. 2, 2020, the U.S. Department of State announced a [Level 4: Do Not Travel](#) advisory for China following a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) by the [World Health Organization](#) on Jan. 30, 2020 due to the coronavirus.

With these two declarations, and Minot State's commitment to the health of all its students, staff, and faculty, the University has decided to suspend all institution-related travel by faculty, staff, and students to China until further notice.

If individuals determine travel to China is vital, please contact your department's vice president to discuss this before any travel plans are made and before travel occurs. Faculty and staff at Minot State who [travel abroad](#) with students for any university-related activity must work with the [Director of International Programs](#). This includes any international travel for activities connected to a Minot State department, club, group, organization, honor society, non-required or optional course activity, etc.

Personal travel is up to the discretion of individuals, but we strongly encourage monitoring U.S. Department of State travel advisories. Minot State is continuing to examine travel advisories and developments with the coronavirus and further travel constraints to other countries may be implemented if there are concerns about the health and safety of travel to those locations. Until further notice, please use the [Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#) as a reliable source of information on the evolving coronavirus situation.

Minot State has faculty, staff, and students from across the globe and remains concerned for all who have friends, family, and colleagues who are in affected areas. We strive to maintain an inclusive environment at Minot State during this global health issue and ask that all members of the MSU community do so as well.

The University understands that students, staff, or faculty may be experiencing increased stress or anxiety over the current outbreak or may have family and friends living in the affected areas. Students needing support should contact Minot State Counseling Services at 701-858-3371, and staff and faculty can contact our Employee Assistance Program, The Village Business Institute, at 1-800-627-8220.

Students with questions about international travel should contact the Minot State Office of International Programs at 701-858-4155. As the situation evolves, individuals should visit the North Dakota Department of Health [WEBSITE](#) for updated information.