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## Dear students:

As with all study abroad program providers, we place students' health and wellbeing as our top priority. In light of the increasing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) around the world, we understand that there are growing concerns about traveling. Together with our resident staff in Germany, we are carefully monitoring information about travel restrictions and health policies from the CDC and following the recommendations of the U.S. State Department. As there are currently no restrictions for Germany, we intend to operate as planned.

We will continue to provide updates to you about important health precautions and independent travel throughout the semester. In the event that the U.S. Department of State elevates the travel warning, we will discuss options with you to continue your coursework remotely.

We encourage you to share this with your family.

Sincerely,

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