Date: 3/4/2020
Subject: Urgent update for UAlbany students studying abroad in Italy

Text:

Dear Student,

Yesterday, you received an email from UAlbany strongly encouraging you to make your way back to the U.S. as soon as possible. This morning, we received information from the central administration of the 64-campus SUNY system, of which UAlbany is a campus, that transportation home will be supplied for students who wish to take advantage of this offer. Students will have 2 different options for return to the U.S.:

Option 1:

- SUNY will make travel arrangements for you. The chartered Italy flight will depart from Rome at 2pm on Saturday. Information on the Japan and South Korea flights will be forthcoming. Please contact your study abroad advisor if you would like to take a SUNY-provided flight.
- If you take advantage of the SUNY-provided flight you must be quarantined for 14 days upon arrival in the U.S. per New York State Department of Health guidance. Please note that by returning on the centrally coordinated SUNY flight, you will be agreeing to be quarantined on one of the SUNY campuses, which will not be UAlbany. You will neither be allowed to opt out of centralized quarantine nor self-quarantine at home.

SUNY will ensure that you are not academically penalized for returning to the U.S. before completing the study abroad program.

Further details about these assurances will become available over the next few days. As details are finalized, we will inform you further.

Option 2:

If you decide not to take advantage of the SUNY-provided return flight, you may still change your return flight ticket on your own if you prefer not to wait for SUNY’s arrangements. UAlbany will reimburse you for flight change fees if provided with the proper receipt. If you fly home on your own at this time, you will be allowed to self-isolate at your permanent home, and not on any of UAlbany campuses. Upon returning home, you must immediately contact your county Department of Health office, which will be responsible for monitoring
your condition. Please report your flight information and address of self-isolation to your study abroad advisor.

The University understands this is a difficult situation and we are here to support you throughout this transition. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will continue to update you regularly as efforts to find academic solutions for impacted students proceed.