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RE: Constituents Abroad: Best Practices Process

Overview
Many areas throughout the world are now experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and taking action that may limit traveler mobility, including quarantines and border restrictions. American's abroad are encouraged to visit travel.state.gov to view individual Travel Advisories for the most urgent threats to safety and security. Please also visit the website of the relevant U.S. embassy or consulate to see information on entry restrictions, foreign quarantine policies, and urgent health information provided by local governments.

Travelers are urged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency. To find a countiresCOVID-19 country specific information, please follow the link here.

March 11, 2020, Presidential Proclamation:

There have been three Presidential Proclamations since the outbreak of the COVID-19. Most recently, on March 11, 2020, President Trump signed a Presidential Proclamation, which suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the U.S. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include:

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation. In January and February, the Administration issued similar travel restrictions on individuals who had been in China and Iran. That action proved to be effective in slowing the spread of the virus to the U.S., while public health officials prepared.

If you decide to travel abroad:

- Review and follow the CDC's guidelines for the prevention of coronavirus.
- Check with your airlines or cruise lines regarding any updated information about your travel plans and/or restrictions.
- Visit travel.state.gov to view individual Travel Advisories for the most urgent threats to safety and security.
- Visit our Embassy webpages on COVID-19 for information on conditions in each country or jurisdiction.
- Visit the Department of Homeland Security's website on the latest travel restrictions to the U.S.

Restricting Travel from Impacted Areas:
The restriction applies to foreign nationals who have been in the Schengen Area, 26 countries in Europe with open borders agreements, in the last 14 days.

- Those who are exempt from these restrictions, such as American citizens, will be directed to a limited number of airports where screening can take place.
- There is extensive travel back and forth between Europe that heightens the risk here in the United States.

International Stats:
- Confirmed Cases Globally: **118,326,** as of Mar. 11
- Number of Global Locations with Confirmed Cases: **Over 100** (view locations with confirmed cases here)
- Local transmission of COVID-19 has been reported in numerous countries throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas.