

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

The Chicago Department of Public Health issued an Emergency Travel Order directing travelers entering or returning to Chicago from states experiencing a surge in new COVID-19 cases to self-quarantine for a 14-day period. The two major airports, O'Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway International Airport are both located within the City of Chicago, as do all major train and bus stations. Any resident or visitor entering the City of Chicago from the following states, is subject to the 14-day quarantine. The states include: Alabama, Arkansas, **Arizona**, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

This new Emergency Travel Order has been implemented to prevent the spread of disease before a person knows they are sick, including if a traveler has been infected with the virus but does not have symptoms. Quarantine under the Order means staying at a single designated home or dwelling for 14 days before doing any activities outside the home or dwelling, including work. Violators are subject to fines of \$100.00 to \$500.00 per day and up to \$7,000.00 fine. Please remember that the quarantine requirements applies to everyone; those with no symptoms of COVID-19 and those who tested negative for COVID-19.

This Emergency Travel Order can impact returning and incoming students, as well as vacationing faculty and staff. If you are returning to Illinois and the City of Chicago, please let us know. Faculty and Staff should contact their supervisors and students should contact their Dean's Office. Supervisors are asked to inform Human Resources and the Academic Deans need to contact Student Services. We need to carefully monitor all faculty, staff and students in quarantine.

The most important steps we can take to slow the spread of COVID-19 is to wear a mask when in public, practice social distancing and staying home whenever possible. Tomorrow is Independence Day, and I encourage all of you to have a safe and happy holiday while following all safety protocols.

Together we can make a difference.

Be well.

Dr. G.