Dear Students,

I hope you are excited for your fast-approaching Spring semester in Tokyo.

In this message, we address a number of outstanding issues; please refer to this communication and our previous updates should you have any questions over the break.

As a reminder, Temple University Education Abroad will be closed starting the end of the business day on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021. If you experience any urgent issues before your departure date but after December 23, please contact both study.abroad@temple.edu and oss@tuj.temple.edu to explain your situation. As both offices will be closed for the winter holiday, please expect up to 72 hours for a response. Education Abroad will respond to non-urgent inquiries when we re-open on January 4.

Please read this update thoroughly and refer to all of the places where we’ve saved program updates for review: the Ed Abroad website; your study abroad portal where you will find the semester program manual, arrival instructions with links to the required Google forms, and pre-travel testing guidance (two postings).

Please refer to the posted materials if you have any questions over the break, as they may provide an answer much faster than we can by email! We know this is a lot of information to digest; thank you for reading through everything carefully.

This update covers:
- Required Flight Documents and Updated Arrival Instructions
- Pre-Departure Considerations, Quarantine/Isolation and Health Monitoring
- COVID-19 Testing at Temple Main Campus - Make Appointments
- Flight Status and Reporting any Changes
- Course Registration
- Packing List Additions
- Student Conduct & Japanese Laws and Regulations
- Required On-Site Orientation Modules in Canvas
- Dorm Placements

Required Flight Documents and Updated Arrival Instructions
As communicated previously, there are four phases to your arrival with different and essential tasks you will have to work through in order to ensure a smooth transition to Japan.

We just received additional details from Temple Japan regarding arrival and quarantine and have incorporated them into the “Japan Arrival Instructions.” We have re-posted the document as “Japan Arrival Instructions - Spring 2021 - Updated 12/23/20.” Please be sure to read the
updated instructions immediately and follow the required steps. If you have already printed the Arrival Instructions to take with you to Japan, please download and print the updated version.

The arrival instructions include links to three forms that you will need to complete before you depart for Japan. These forms include:

- Flight Arrival and Upload Forms - due **December 22**
- Pre-Arrival 14-day Health Check Form - **must complete every day for 14 days until you depart**
- COVID-19 Test Result Form - **due within 72 hours of your departure**

Be sure to complete all of these forms so that Temple Japan has all of the information they need to expect your arrival.

**Pre-Departure Considerations, Quarantine/Isolation and Health Monitoring**

First and foremost, your health should be your biggest consideration before you fly to Tokyo. It is important to remain vigilant about your personal health prior to departure as well as once you arrive.

As cases rise here in the U.S., and you consider plans for the holiday season, it is best to carefully follow public health guidelines and limit possible exposure to COVID-19 at all times but especially in the two weeks leading up to your departure for Japan.

We recommend self-quarantining/isolating and/or avoiding any domestic travel for at least two weeks prior to your flight to Tokyo. As we saw over the Thanksgiving holiday, and as public health experts have been warning, the risk of contracting the virus is very high during holiday periods when we are more inclined to gather with groups of friends and family. We recommend against any gatherings or actions that could put your health, and participation in the Japan program, at risk.

Remember to submit your Pre-Arrival Health Check Form daily for 14 days, including the day you depart for Tokyo.

Students who are not feeling well or experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms should **not** get on an airplane. The CDC says not to travel if you or any of your travel companions:

- Are sick
- Have suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 (even if you don’t have symptoms)
- Have been around someone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 in the past 14 days (even if they did not have symptoms).

Please contact Education Abroad immediately if any of the situations above apply to you leading up to your departure. See [CDC’s full guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/covid-19/) for when to delay travel.
COVID-19 Testing at Temple Main Campus
If you are planning to get tested at Temple Main Campus, you should have filled out your interest in the Google form. Appointments are required. Please go ahead and schedule your appointment by calling Temple Student Health Services at (215) 204-7500. You should identify yourself as a Temple Japan study abroad student when you make the appointment and when you arrive for the appointment. Be sure to bring your Temple ID (or your TUid number and another form of identification), your insurance card and the governmental testing form to the appointment.

Flight Status and Reporting any Changes
We suggest you continue to check on your flight status, and if your flight is cancelled over the break, you reschedule using the flight guidance posted to your online study abroad portal. If you reschedule your flight, be sure to:
   1) thoroughly review all refund and change policies,
   2) Email Education Abroad (study.abroad@temple.edu) and the Office of Student Services at TUJ (newstudent@tuj.temple.edu) with your new flight details

If you are unable to book a new flight that arrives on one of the scheduled arrival dates, and have exhausted all options, please contact Education Abroad (study.abroad@temple.edu) to discuss - bearing in mind that email reply times will be delayed.

Course Registration
All students are now registered full time (at least 12 credits) for the semester.

You can view your Temple Japan course schedule in Banner by following these steps:
   ● Go to TUPortal
   ● Click on “Student Tools”
   ● On the right side of the page under “Registration” click “View Registration Information (Roster)"

If we were unable to register you for your first choice courses due to closed sections, time conflicts, or missing prerequisites, you were registered for alternative courses. You will have a chance to drop and add courses during the first few weeks of the program. The TUJ staff will explain the process during your on-site orientation. If you have urgent concerns about your roster that affect your graduation, please contact study.abroad@temple.edu, but please understand that due to closed sections and the proximity of your departure date, the staff at TUJ will likely be in a better position to help you make changes to your roster once the program starts.

Packing List Additions
Please refer to the Program Manual in your online study abroad portal for our standard packing list. In addition, please remember to pack essentials for travel and your 14-day quarantine as your outings will be limited to the grocery/convenience store for food. These additional items include:
● Several masks (including several for travel)
● Thermometer that provides your temperature in Celsius
● Allowable over-the-counter medications (see Program Manual for more details about bringing medications to Japan)
● Snacks or food from home (research customs restrictions prior to packing food items)
● Toiletries
● Yen (contact your local bank)
● Things to keep busy during the quarantine

Student Conduct & Japanese Laws and Regulations
It is of the utmost importance to remember that violating the guidelines that Temple Japan has developed for quarantine, protecting student health, and personal travel, is a violation of the Temple University Code of Conduct. Just as on Main Campus, if a student does not adhere to the public health guidelines, they will be subject to student conduct review.

Violating Japanese law is a serious matter. In addition to any consequences incurred with the Japanese public authorities, violating Japanese law is also a violation of the Code of Conduct and will result in student conduct procedures. Review your Program Manual for important information about following Japanese laws.

Breaking quarantine, not wearing a mask in public spaces, traveling outside of Japan during the program - among any other violations of guidelines for Temple Japan study abroad students - result in severe consequences for the student(s) involved.

Students were required to sign a pledge to TUJ that they will follow all rules of quarantine. Failure to comply with the rules of quarantine will result in immediate revocation of your student visa, dismissal from the program and need to leave Japan.

Remember, these regulations are not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. We are committed to having a full and healthy semester at Temple Japan, and it is everyone’s responsibility to maintain and respect these protocols.

Required On-Site Orientation Modules in Canvas
Students will be invited to join a Temple Japan “on-site” orientation Canvas course created by Temple Japan around January 4. The “on-site” orientation is designed for students to complete during the quarantine period, but students who wish to start on it prior to departure may do so when it becomes available.

You have also been added to a Health and Safety course through Canvas to remind you of the safety protocols you must adhere to during your international semester.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns accessing or completing these modules.
You may review the recorded pre-departure sessions through these links: Travel, Arrival and Quarantine (hosted Dec. 17), Life in Tokyo (hosted Nov. 30), Parent and Family Q&A (hosted Dec. 3).

**Dorm Placements**
Dorm placements were emailed to students today, December 23.

Best wishes to you and your families for happy holidays and a relaxing break.