Dear Temple Rome Summer participants,

Thank you for submitting your deposit to participate in the Temple Rome Summer program! We are so excited for you to join our cohort so that you can enjoy all that Rome has to offer in the summer months.

You may be following news about Italy in preparation for your time abroad and know that the Italian government has recently implemented temporary restrictions in several regions through the Easter holiday in response to an increase in COVID-19 cases.

*We want to provide some updates and assure you that we are moving forward with plans to run the summer program.*

After several months as a “yellow zone” with some of the least restrictive COVID-19 measures, the Italian government has designated the Lazio region, which includes Rome, a “red zone” through April 6 in order to mitigate the spread of the virus. To read Temple Rome’s update on the restrictions and support for students, please visit [https://rome.temple.edu/safety-in-rome/](https://rome.temple.edu/safety-in-rome/).

We anticipate that, between these measures and Italy’s vaccination campaigns, COVID-19 cases will decline and these restrictions will ease before the summer term begins.

We appreciate that this information may be of concern to you and your families as you prepare for your own study abroad experience, but want to assure you that we monitor the situation on an on-going basis and will continue to do so leading up to and throughout the summer.

We also want to assure you and your families that Temple University Rome and Education Abroad will keep you informed of any significant changes that would impact our ability to deliver a safe and successful experience for our students. You can also stay informed by visiting the [Italian Ministry of Health homepage](https://www.salute.gov.it/), which includes a COVID-19 dashboard.

Again, we look forward to hosting you in Rome this summer and thank you for your participation.

**Modified Refund Policies and Procedures**

Program and housing deposits are now refundable until April 26, 2021 should you decide to withdraw from a summer program in Rome. Read the full [Temple Rome Summer 2021 refund policies and procedures](https://rome.temple.edu/). Please don’t hesitate to contact Education Abroad if you have any questions or concerns regarding these updates.

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