DATE: April 14, 2021

TO: CSU Presidents

FROM: Steve Relyea  
Executive Vice Chancellor and 
Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

SUMMARY: Modification of Travel Restrictions as of June 1, 2021

Considering the planned re-population of campuses for the Fall 2021 term, and the expected widespread availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, restrictions previously placed on travel will be lifted as of June 1, 2021. Presidents should adhere to the latest travel guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which can be found here, when determining travel guidelines for their campus.

Systemwide meetings will be considered on a case by case basis, and many of these meetings may continue to be held virtually if it is not essential to be in person.

As vaccinations increase both in the US and abroad, we are hopeful that campuses may begin to consider international travel including faculty research activity and student study abroad. CSU policy requires that we consider the health and safety of students as a part of that determination. For the system programs operating out of the Chancellor’s Office, we expect to send students to some countries and are following each situation closely. The final decision on which countries will be approved will likely take place later in the spring when more information is available. This includes not only our own policies but also those of the host country. For example, Australia does not have a significant number of cases, but our partners there have decided not to allow incoming foreign students.

Campuses are encouraged to look carefully at each program location or travel destination and, as a part of your consideration, include the CDC warning level for that country. Your analysis
should also include the U.S. State Department’s Travel Advisory status and accompanying information and analysis.

The University Presidents will have the authority to establish travel guidelines for their campus and the process for approval of travel.

SR:ME:sh

c:  Joseph I. Castro, Chancellor
    Fred E. Wood, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
    Andrew Jones, Executive Vice Chancellor and General Counsel
    Evelyn Nazario, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources
    Garrett Ashley, Vice Chancellor, University Relations and Advancement
    Vlad Marinescu, Vice Chancellor and Chief Audit Officer
    Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs
    Vice Presidents of Student Affairs and/or Enrollment Management
    Vice Presidents of Administration and Finance
    Vice Presidents of Advancement
    Chief Information Officers
    Senior International Officers
    Auxiliary Officers Association