

PiLA EMAIL TO CURRENT FELLOWS  
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Dear PiLA fellows and partners,

Princeton in Latin America is closely following all developments related to the coronavirus. At this point in time, we have not received any information on health risks or policies for countries other than China (and no information with concerns regarding Latin America). Everything we are receiving from Princeton University, CIEE's Health and Safety Team, Drum Cussac, the CDC and WHO is centralized to China. The information that is being shared at this time is how to help prevent transmission, and the steps to take if you believe you may have contracted the virus. At this time, all of the recommendations follow the recommendations for influenza and the common cold. As we receive relevant updates, we will be sure to forward those to you.

The State Department escalated China to a Level 4 Advisory: Do not Travel, and the World Health Organization is declaring the coronavirus issue "a global concern" recommending assistance for countries with weaker health support systems, accelerated development of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics. Not having information on how it is transmitted and what the incubation time is makes things more difficult to pinpoint. At this point we can help by (a) preventing transmission and (b) exercising critical thinking and combating the spread of rumors and misinformation.

Specifically for our fellows, your iNext insurance plans do provide medical coverage for the virus. In the event that a participant would contract the virus outside the U.S., it would be covered in the same manner any other illness is covered. For outpatient services, it would be on a reimbursement basis, and for inpatient care, a call would be placed to Generali Global Assistance to open a Medical Case.

We will keep you updated. Stay safe and healthy and have a good weekend.

Saludos,

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