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International Relations Office

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Considering the challenging circumstances we face worldwide due to the ongoing pandemic of Covid-19, which has already reached Phase 4 in Chile, the International Relations Office of the University of Chile is monitoring all of our students, both in Chile and abroad, so they can cope with this situation in the best possible way.

As the International Relations Office, we make the following recommendations to our students:

- 1. To the students of the University of Chile who are currently abroad we urge you to:**
 - Follow the academic instructions of your host University regarding the continuity of your stay, in accordance with the protocols established by each country, to complete your mobility.
 - In the case of having the intention or need to return earlier, this must be done in compliance with the protocols established by Chile, through its competent health authority, to afterwards rejoin their respective academic unit at the University of Chile. Each Faculty and Institute will provide the necessary academic and administrative flexibilities to attend the first semester of 2020. In order to do this, students must contact their academic unit (Directors of International Relations, coordinator of international mobility or School Directors, as appropriate), informing the Student Mobility Program (pme@u.uchile.cl) as well. For now -and while this crisis lasts- activities will be held online, through web resources and online classes.

- 2. To international students accepted at the University of Chile, attending the first semester of 2020, we strongly recommend:**
 - For those students who have not yet entered the country, it is recommended to suspend your trip until the sanitary conditions allow you to carry out an academic stay at the University of Chile normally.



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- For those students who are already in Chile, and in consideration of the progress of the Covid-19 in the country, it is suggested that they return to their countries of origin, in order to protect their health. However, to those who decide to continue their stay at the University of Chile, please notice that during this period our Institution will have communication channels to support their well-being. Each Faculty and Institute has arranged the adaptation of its academic offer through web resources and online courses while face-to-face classes are not feasible.

On the other hand, it is important to remind those who decide to stay at the University of Chile that it is essential that they comply with the requirement of having compatible international medical insurance coverage, as well as strictly following all the recommendations of the health authorities and the protocols established by our Institution.

For all those who have not yet made contact, please communicate with the mobility coordinators of your academic unit and/or the Student Mobility Program of the University of Chile (pme@u.uchile.cl), to report your situation -both health and academic-, as well as any inconvenience you may have.

We will send an update of this statement according to the evolution of the situation.

Thanking your understanding during these difficult circumstances, please receive my best wishes to face them in the best possible way, supporting the well-being of the entire university community.

Kind regards,

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