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Dear Student Travelers and Families,

TUSD is closely monitoring developments with COVID-19/Coronavirus as travel guidance continues to change globally. We would like to provide an update to all travelers and families with steps the district has taken along with general precautions to follow.

As a district, we will base decisions for travel on advisory warnings issued by the United States Department of State and the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as any recommendations from the Pima County Health Department. We will cancel trips if there is a “Level 3” Advisory issued by the CDC or State Department or if recommended by the County. For travel locations with a “Level 2” Advisory, Tucson Unified will confirm a parent’s permission.

We are aware students, families and school personnel have invested time and money to provide the best travel opportunities for students. TUSD would like to remind all families that travel decisions are ultimately in the hands of parents and guardians. Since information and guidance continues to develop, we recommend that you remain vigilant in monitoring information before, during and after travel. If a parent or student traveler decides to halt participation, the district supports their decision to do so. Please speak to your trip’s advisor about your options for cancellation and potential refunds, which may or not be available.

TUSD Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo has been, and continues to be, in direct contact with the Pima County Health Department. This agency has provided guidance to the district that travel is not restricted, but strongly encourages our community to observe reasonable precautions, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze, immediately discard any tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, like holding or shaking hands
- Stay home when sick – students, staff and parents

Sincerely,

Roberto Estrella
Principal