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Dear students,

I am so glad to hear of your interest in completing your MPH practicum abroad! We are so excited for you and your potential international opportunity. Despite the current global pandemic, you can still think about international opportunities for the future!

University policy requires that all students pursuing academic opportunities abroad complete an application with the Office of Global Education (OGE). This application asks that you provide specific information about your proposed destination, plan for housing and transportation, and more. It asks you to identify potential risks to your health and safety, and to describe your plan for mitigating these risks.

This application – and study abroad – require significant advanced planning. Below is a checklist to help you stay on track for a successful international experience:

1. **Review the [U.S. State Department Travel Advisory](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvice.html) for your proposed country.**
   - The university restricts student travel to countries with Travel Advisory Levels 3 (Reconsider Travel) and 4 (Do Not Travel). Specifically, students are not permitted to travel to countries or areas within countries with a Level 4 (Do Not Travel) advisory. Countries or areas within countries with a Level 3 (Reconsider Travel) advisory require that the traveler submit a travel appeal **no later than three months prior to proposed departure**. Contact me with questions about this policy and appeal process.
   - Currently, there is a University-wide travel ban. Because the U.S. State Department recently lowered the global advisory to a 3, some travel may be approved via the appeal process. However, your experience must truly be one that you cannot have in-state, and you are strongly encouraged to have an in-state backup plan.

2. **Talk to your advisor about your international practicum plans.**

3. **Complete an OGE application: [https://studyabroad.ucdenver.edu/?go=CSPH](https://studyabroad.ucdenver.edu/?go=CSPH).**
   - **Deadlines:**
     - Winter/Spring practicums: **November 1, 2020**
     - Summer practicums: **April 1, 2020**

Don’t hesitate to reach out with questions about the OGE process or general international risk management. I look forward to working with you as you plan your international academic adventure!

Best,

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