



COVID Updates: 5 November 2020 - Academic and Travel Clarifications

Dear Students,

Today, Thursday, November 5, the Italian government clarified expectations for travel in Italy and between regions in accordance with the Italian Decree (DPCM) issued yesterday November 4. (http://www.governo.it/sites/new.governo.it/files/Dpcm_3_novembre_2020.pdf)

Additionally, we now know that this DPCM goes into effect starting Friday November 6.

Academic Updates

Here are some clarifications regarding on-campus university attendance:

- **First-year in-person classroom attendance refers to undergraduates who have completed less than one year of undergraduate university studies;** it does not include students in their first year *at JCU* (i.e. transfer students, Masters-level students, or Continuing Education students, all of whom must now do their course work remotely).
- **Any international students planning to leave Italy and continue their studies remotely must first contact JCU Immigration Services (immigrationservices@johncabot.edu)** before finalizing plans so that they can understand any legal immigration consequences of their departure.
- Any first-year undergraduate student who desires to attend classes remotely for the rest of the semester must contact Dean Mary Merva (mmerva@johncabot.edu) to obtain approval.
- Any student who wants to withdraw from courses must contact the Registrar (registrar@johncabot.edu).
- Any currently registered student is able to come to campus to use the on-site resources such as the library, labs, Tiber Café, and common spaces.

Regional Risk Levels and Travel Updates

The regions of Italy have been divided and classified into three different risk levels, according to the Ministry of Health, and will be monitored and periodically updated (http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=5149)



The risk levels and corresponding regions are as follows:

Red Areas (highest risk): Lombardy, Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta and Calabria

- Any travel is prohibited, even within the same municipality, at all times, except for proven work or health reasons. Traveling between municipalities and regions is prohibited.
- Bars and restaurants are closed 24/7. Delivery is permitted until 10 PM.
- All shops are closed, except for supermarkets, shops that sell food items and essential goods. Newspaper stands, tabaccherie, pharmacies, para-pharmacies, laundromats, hairdressers, and barbershops will remain open. Estheticians are closed.
- Universities must teach remotely, with specific exceptions.
- Physical activity is allowed outdoors and is to be carried out individually and near one's place of residence.
- Museums, exhibitions, theaters, cinemas, gym, arcades, betting and gambling establishments, bingo, are closed even if they are located within bars and tabaccherie.
- Public transport has to run at 50% capacity, except for school transport vehicles.

Orange Areas (medium-high risk): Sicily and Puglia

- It is prohibited to go out from 10 PM to 5 AM, except for proven work or health reasons.
- Traveling between regions and municipalities is prohibited except for proven work, study, health, and/or necessity reasons. It is recommended to avoid unnecessary travel within the same municipality for the entire day.

- Bars and restaurants are closed 24/7. Delivery is permitted until 10 PM.
- Malls are closed on holidays and weekends except for pharmacies, para-pharmacies, supermarkets, tabaccherie, and newsstands situated inside of the malls.
- All museums and exhibitions are closed.
- Public transport has to run at 50% capacity, except for school transport vehicles
- All gambling, arcade, bingo, betting, and slot machine activities will be suspended even if they are located inside bars and tabaccherie.
- Bars and restaurants are closed from 6 PM. Take away is allowed until 10 PM. There are no restrictions on delivery services.
- Pools, gyms, theaters, and cinemas will remain closed. Sport centers will remain open.

Yellow Areas (moderate risk): All other Regions (including Tuscany, Liguria, Lazio, Umbria, Emilia Romagna, Veneto).

- It is prohibited to go out from 10 PM to 5 AM, except for proven work or health reasons.
- Shops in malls are closed on holidays and weekends, except for pharmacies, para-pharmacies, supermarkets, tabaccherie, and newsstands.
- All museums and exhibitions are closed.
- Universities are closed, except for some activities for first-year students and lab activities.
- All gambling, arcade, bingo, betting, and slot machine activities will be suspended even if they are located inside bars and tabaccherie.
- Public transport has to run on 50% capacity, except for school transport vehicles.
- Pools, gyms, theaters, and cinemas will remain closed. Sport centers will remain open.
- Going out during the curfew is permitted only for urgent health or work needs. All persons must have a Self-Declaration on them to show municipal authorities if asked.

Travel between yellow regions is still technically permissible, however, **JCU strongly urges students to limit non-essential travel to the Lazio region.** Given the fluid nature of the pandemic, rules and regulations may be updated with little or no notice. Therefore, limiting non-essential personal travel to Lazio will help to mitigate any unforeseen transportation issues.

Kind regards,

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