



JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

Dear JCU Community,

Yesterday evening, March 9, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced that all of Italy would be qualified as a Red Zone. This measure taken by the Italian government, while impactful for the whole country, is in the best interest of public wellbeing. Our respect in following the published protocols will contribute to the resolution of this crisis as soon as possible.

The [March 9 decree](#) stipulates that **travel between Italian regions is now suspended until April 3, pending future amendments by the Italian Government.** Travel between regions is only permitted if there is a documented work necessity, emergency, or health issue. Persons who have such criteria to justify travel between regions in Italy must fill-out and carry this declaration of travel, as published on the [Ministry website](#). Travel between Italy and other countries will be impacted and will be subject to the regulations of individual foreign nations, Italy, and travel companies.

We are not under a general quarantine, however the new general rule is to “stay home” as long as you can. Personal movement within the city is allowed but must be limited to proven needs such as: grocery shopping, doctor’s appointment, eating at the Tiber Cafe for JCU students, etc. Please fill out this [self-certification](#) and carry it with you at all times in case requested by the authorities.

JCU students can use International SOS for additional logistical and information purposes (JCU membership number [\(302SCA834985\)](#)). To download the app: [iPhone](#), [Android](#)

In addition, until April 3, on-site classes at all schools in Italy are suspended, pending any additional amendments by the Italian Department of Education. **Starting March 16, remote learning processes will begin for all JCU students.** Please continue to check your email for instructions from the Dean of Academics.

It is required that those with symptoms of a respiratory infection and fever (temperature above 37.5 degrees) do not leave their homes, limit social contact, and adhere to the following protocol:

- Students must call the JCU emergency number **(+39 331 656 1907)** so that staff can assist the student with this protocol and coordinate any pertinent follow-up care or protocol.
- JCU faculty and staff must call the Lazio regional number **(800 118 800)** themselves. Faculty and staff must then call the JCU emergency number to follow-up on how they have been directed to proceed by the Italian health authorities. JCU on-call staff will follow-up with the staff's supervisor as necessary.

In addition, anyone **currently in Lazio** who is experiencing flu symptoms (fever, sore throat, dry cough, runny nose, difficulty breathing) **OR** has been in the following regions of northern Italy (Lombardia, Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro e Urbino, Venezia, Padova, Treviso, Asti, Alessandria, Novara, Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, and Vercelli) **in the past 14 days** (since February 24) must follow the protocol specified above.

The JCU residences remain open. There will continue to be a security guard active at the Trastevere, Lungara, and Gianicolo residence. JCU Residence Directors remain available for additional assistance. The JCU emergency number **(+39 331 656 1907)** remains active 24/7. The DOS office remains available for student inquiries.

The JCU Tiber Café remains open for the previously published limited hours of 8am-3pm, Monday to Friday, with a reduced menu. Please note that there is a limit of 1 person per table and you must follow any additional sanitary measures that have been implemented.

Local businesses are allowed to remain open provided that store owners can insure a personal distance of 1 to 2 meters between clientele and employees.

In addition to the provisions issued on March 8, please be aware that Italian Government has issued the following guidelines:

- It is prohibited for those subjects in quarantine or that have tested positive for the coronavirus to leave their home or residence.
- Places of worship may remain open on the condition that measures are adopted to prevent gatherings and to guarantee visitors an interpersonal distance of at least one meter. Civil and religious ceremonies are suspended, including funerals.
- Restaurants and cafes may remain open between 6:00am and 6:00pm, so long as a personal distance of at least one meter can be respected – violations are subject to the penalty of suspension.
- Pharmacies will remain open per their normal hours.

- Additional commercial activities are permitted on the same conditions, providing that gatherings of persons are prevented and the personal distance of one meter is respected – violations are subject to the penalty of suspension.
- Wherever possible, remote connection modalities will be adopted for meetings, especially when it comes to those of healthcare facilities, public utility services, and COVID emergency coordination activities. Meetings will nonetheless respect the interpersonal distance of one meter.
- On public holidays and days leading up to holidays, medium and large sized stores shall be closed, including those present in shopping malls and markets. On weekdays, businesses must guarantee that at least one meter of interpersonal distancing can be respected. Violations are subject to the penalty of suspension.

Lastly, all persons should adhere to the hygienic directives issued by the Italian Government, including:

- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Keeping 1-2 meters of personal space at all times
- Refraining from touching your face with your hands
- Avoiding large gatherings of people
- Calling the Lazio regional number and/or the JCU number per the protocol.

Franco Pavoncello, Ph.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franco Pavoncello', written in a cursive style.

President