Update from Italian Government: March 11, 2020

Dear JCU Community,

Today, March 11, the Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced updates to the protocols and policies regarding COVID-19. This decree is a continued amendment of policies put in place on March 9 (see JCU President Pavoncello's previous letter published earlier this week). Starting tomorrow, March 12, for the next 2 weeks (until March 25, pending a further extension by the Italian Government) people in Italy may only leave their house to go to the grocery store, the pharmacy, or to work, provided that the work is essential. Any individual that leaves their house MUST fill-out and carry with them the Self-Certification (autocertificazione).

This form is available at the security desk at the Gianicolo and Trastevere residences. Starting tomorrow, March 12, all bars and restaurants are closed. This means that JCU Tiber Cafe is also closed. In order to provide some relief, tomorrow all JCU students currently living in JCU housing will receive notifications on how groceries will be delivered to the Gianicolo and Trastevere residences for pick-up.

As a reminder, 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.

All persons should adhere to the hygienic directives issued by the Italian Government and other health organizations, including:

- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Keeping 1-meter of personal space at all times
- Refraining from touching your face with your hands
- Avoiding large gatherings of people
- Not sneezing or coughing into your hand
- Calling the Lazio regional number and/or the JCU number per the protocol

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