



Update from Italian Government, March 8, 2020

Dear JCU Community,

Today, March 8, the Italian Government issued another decree to update the protocols and policies regarding COVID-19. Please know these policies and protocols are to insure the health and wellbeing of all those in Rome and Italy in cooperation with the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and other countries worldwide. They are not a cause for panic. The Italian government is giving their full attention to the concerns of COVID-19 to resolve this public health issue as soon and as calmly as possible.

According to this latest decree, **any person that has been in Northern Italy** (Lombardia, Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro e Urbino, Venezia, Padova, Treviso, Asti, Alessandria, Novara, Verbanco-Cusio-Ossola, and Vercelli) **in the past 14 days** (since February 24) **and is now in Lazio must call the Lazio regional number (800 118 800) to be assessed by Italian health authorities.** This call must be made regardless if the person is exhibiting symptoms (cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, fever, runny nose) or not.

If this applies to you:

- 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.

Furthermore, please know that the JCU gym will be closed until further notice, in accordance with the most recent decree issued by the Italian government today that has closed all gyms, pools, and health spas in Lazio.

Lastly, 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.

Carla Wiegers

Dean of Students

Email: deanofstudents@johncabot.edu | Toll-free: (855) JCU-ROMA | Italy: +39 06 681 91284