

New Decree from Italian Government: 13 August 2020 Travel Updates

Dear JCU Community,

We hope all JCU students are doing well. As we draw closer to September, please see below for the latest update from the Italian government regarding international travel into Italy. The information has come directly from the Italian Ministry of Health

website: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>

The Italian Ministry of Health has issued an ordinance, which takes effect from today, 13 August, until the end of the present legislative decree of the Host Government, or 7 September 2020. Please find the original ordinance in Italian

here: <http://www.trovanorme.salute.gov.it/norme/renderNormsanPdf?anno=2020&codLeg=75685&parte=1%20&serie=null>

The ordinance requires that all persons who have stayed in or transited through Croatia, Greece, Malta, or Spain in the previous 14 days to EITHER:

- a. upon boarding a means of transport to Italy, provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the previous 72 hours, OR
- b. take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at an Italian airport, port, or border crossing, where possible, OR
- c. Take a COVID test within 48 hours of arriving in Italy through their local health authority; in such cases, **persons must observe quarantine at their own residence until the test can be administered by their local health authority.**

In any case, persons who have traveled in the aforementioned countries must inform the competent health authorities upon entering Italy *even if they are asymptomatic*. Should symptoms of COVID-19 present, these symptomatic persons must inform the health authorities in a timely manner through one of the dedicated hotlines and observe quarantine. In Lazio, the dedicated COVID hotline is **800 11 88 00**. More information, including other regional hotline numbers, can be found here:

If you are travelling from European Countries

Travel is **freely permitted** for any reason, including tourism, to and from the following states:

- **Member States of the European Union (EU):** besides Italy Member States of EU are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Hungary;
- **non EU States of the Schengen Agreement:** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland;
- **United Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- **Andorra, Principality of Monaco;**
- **Republic of San Marino and State of the Vatican City.**

When entry into Italy is not allowed

Colombia has been added to the list of countries with a travel ban. As a reminder, this list now includes: Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Kosovo, Kuwait, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Oman, Panama, Peru, and Serbia. This ban does not apply to EU citizens and their family members with a registered residence in Italy prior to 9 July 2020 OR to officials of international organizations or diplomatic missions.

If you are travelling from non-European Countries

Apart from the countries list above that are on the travel ban, entry into Italy from countries outside the EU and/or the Schengen Agreement, such as the U.S., continues to be allowed only for:

- proven work requirements
- absolute urgency
- health reasons
- proven study requirements.

Entry in Italy is allowed to EU/ITALIAN/Schengen citizens, even if they have resided in third countries, without the obligation to provide any reason. Entering into Italy from outside the E.U. necessitates a 14-day quarantine for all persons.

For further clarification, all JCU students qualify for entry under "proven study requirements", demonstrated by either the current Italian study visa, Italian permit to stay card, or letter for enrollment in classes for Fall 2020. Students from visa waiver countries who plan to reside in Italy for fewer than 90 days do not need a visa. As a reminder, the JCU Fall semester has been shortened to 89 days. Additional information on the Fall 2020 semester is provided in the JCU online orientation, which all students must complete before returning to classes in September. The online orientation portal is found here: <http://onlineorientation.johncabot.edu/>

Any additional questions or concerns can be directed to deanofstudents@johncabot.edu.

Kind Regards,

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