



March 5, 2020

Dear Faculty and Students,

Re: Camosun sponsored field schools

Camosun College has been monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Understandably, faculty and students have questions related to international travel. Given that we have a number of international field schools that are ready to book travel, the College's COVID-19 Response Coordination Team has recently met and decided to cancel all field schools effective immediately.

The reasons for this decision are based on the fact that, while not all our destinations are currently in zones with travel advisories, the spread of COVID-19 is changing daily and we are not able to guarantee that our field school locations will be safe destinations in the future. Secondly, we are concerned that our employees and students could find themselves in a mandatory isolation situation due to contact through airline travel or returning from, or via, a country that has a significant outbreak.

Finally, travel insurance companies, including our own insurer for field schools, will not insure anyone who acquires a COVID-19 diagnosis in an impacted area, while under their coverage.

If you have any questions regarding this decision please feel free to contact Gulcan Barclay Camosun International at international_advisors@camosun.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wilmshurst', is written over a white rectangular background.

Geoff Wilmshurst
VP Partnerships