

New U.S. Department of State Travel Warning/Advisory Site

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Please **note** the U.S. Department of State (State Dept.) has **updated** their travel warning/advisory site. The **update** reflects a new four standard level code rather than the “alert/warning” levels used in the past.

From the State Dept. we learn the following:

(<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/about-our-new-products.html>):

The State Dept will issue a Travel Advisory for each country of the world. Travel Advisories follow a consistent format and use plain language to help U.S. citizens find and use important security information. Travel Advisories apply up to four standard levels of advice, give a description of the risks, and provide clear actions U.S. citizens should take to help ensure their safety. To see a complete list of Travel Advisories for every country in the world, see travel.state.gov/traveladvisories. Click on the [color-coded world map](#) for a global view.

The Travel Advisory appears at the top of each country page, with a color corresponding to each level:

Levels 1-4

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Level 1 - Exercise Normal Precautions: *This is the lowest advisory level for safety and security risk. There is some risk in any international travel. Conditions in other countries may differ from those in the United States and may change at any time.*

Level 2 - Exercise Increased Caution: *Be aware of heightened risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time.*

Level 3 - Reconsider Travel: *Avoid travel due to serious risks to safety and security. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time. **Equivalent of a travel warning.***

Level 4 – Do Not Travel: *This is the highest advisory level due to greater likelihood of life-threatening risks. During an emergency, the U.S. government may have very limited ability to provide assistance. The Department of State advises that U.S. citizens not travel to the country or to leave as soon as it is safe to do so. The Department of State provides additional advice for travelers in these areas in the Travel Advisory. Conditions in any country may change at any time. **Equivalent of a travel warning.***

When visiting a country's site at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>, you will note some letters in the top left corner of the country's and these provide you specific areas of concern for that country:

C = Crime – Widespread violent or organized crime is present in areas of the country. Local law enforcement may have limited ability to respond to serious crimes.

T = Terrorism – Terrorist attacks have occurred and/or specific threats against civilians, groups, or other targets may exist.

U = Civil unrest – Political, economic, religious and/or ethnic instability exists and may cause violence, major disruptions, and/or safety risks.

O = Other – There are potential risk not covered by previous risk indicators. Read the Travel Advisory for details.

N = Natural disaster – A natural disaster, or its aftermath, poses danger.

For purposes of foreign travel approval process, Levels 3 and 4 are the **new Warning**, where the applicable approval process is required (campus President/Designee and/or Chancellor's Office approval).

This memo is **provided** to communicate the **updated travel warning/advisory site**. There is no change to the CSURMA High Hazardous and War Risk country list that is currently active for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Countries listed on the CSURMA lists and the US Department Travel Warning list with Levels 3 & 4 are required to go through an extended approval process that includes the President/Designee and possibly the Chancellor's office.

As respects the CSURMA High Hazardous/War Risk country lists, CSURMA has purchased General Liability and Employers Responsibility endorsement, enhancing coverage to the CSU participant while traveling in countries listed on the CSURMA lists.

Thank you and safe travels,
CSU Risk Management