

The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley
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International Admissions
& Student Services

Dear International Student:

The Department of State has advised anyone in the U.S. **to avoid all international travel** due to the global impact of COVID-19. As of today, our U.S. President, Donald Trump announced the temporary closing of the Mexican/U.S. borders for non-essential travel for the next 30 days. This new order will go into effect today at midnight. As we do not have the specifics and we are aware of the uncertainty of this matter - we are highly recommending you to pick a location where is more suitable for you and stay put in quarantine to practice social distancing as per CDC.

The border is not completely closed, however we are highly recommending you not to commute as the situation can change at any minute. We are also highly recommending you to **avoid traveling nationwide** to prevent exposure. Like we mentioned before, you can remain in the U.S. to work on your online studies, however if you feel more comfortable leaving the U.S., you can do so.

In order to comply with social distancing we will continue to serve you via zoom, email, phone calls, skype, and **in person ONLY if it is a critical situation** (emergency) and must be addressed in person. With that in mind, we are kindly asking you to **please contact us before coming into campus** so that we can serve you better.

Please visit utrgv.edu/coronavirus to stay updated with the latest information regarding COVID-19 and what the university is doing to mitigate the outbreak's impact to our campus community. Please continue to **check your UTRGV email on a daily basis** as we will be sending updates at any given time.

We are here to help you and we care about your health and well-being.

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