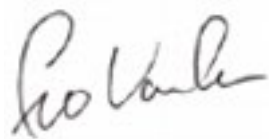


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**Subject:** CSU IP Programs in Florence

The CSU IP office and Dr. Jaishankar Raman, Director, are closely following the events related to the COVID-19 globally. The situation is evolving and, in an effort, to gather the most current information we are gathering information from the US State Department, OSAC, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Italian Ministry of Health, as well as from colleagues other US universities and colleagues and staff in Italy.

The outbreak in Italy has evolved rapidly with a large number of the cases still focused in the northern region. The current numbers show that the virus is now found in all regions and is increasing. After reviewing this information, we have concluded that the most prudent course of action is for CSU IP to suspend the program for the spring semester at the Florence center. Currently we are reaching out to the students through our Florence office to ensure their safe return home. We are working to put the most of the courses online in order to allow for continued academic progress.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at  
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