Holiday Travel Safety Message

Dear Baylor University International Travelers,

Recent protests and security incidents in France are an unfortunate reminder of the importance of travel safety. This is particularly true during the holiday season. Baylor University has confirmed the safety and well-being of all Baylor faculty, staff, and students with registered travel in the affected areas.

We urge all travelers to heed the following travel safety precautions while traveling this holiday season:

- Review the U.S. Department of State's Travel Alert website. All travelers are encouraged to review the information.
- Program the Baylor University 24/7 Medical and Travel Assistance Hotline at +1-312-894-0095 into your cell phone and contact us if you require assistance.
- Register with the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security alerts.
- Diligently monitor local media for the latest news and follow the advice of local authorities should an incident occur.
- Crime has a tendency to increase during the holidays so be mindful of pickpockets during your travels.
- Exercise vigilance when in public places, crowded locations, and when using mass transportation. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you see suspicious activity, leave the area immediately and report the activity to law enforcement.
- Due to the large volume of holiday travelers, allow for extra time getting to the airport, bus terminal, or rail station.

As you continue your travels, do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any concerns. I am here to answer your questions and offer support.

Best wishes and happy holidays,

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