Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

The university strongly recommends that anyone traveling abroad on university-related business record all itineraries and other information on the Johns Hopkins International Travel Registry.

Registration of your trip will make it far easier for Johns Hopkins to contact and support you in the event of a natural disaster, political unrest or other emergency situation.

The system, operated by the university in partnership with International SOS, was piloted last fall and went live this spring. Participation is open to faculty, staff, post-docs and students. The Office of Study Abroad at Homewood now requires that its students register before traveling; other university departments and divisions are considering making participation mandatory.

The registry is easy to use, allowing the user to record flight information, length of stay, accommodations and in-country contacts, among other data.

When they submit their travel plans, registered travelers also receive assistance with pre-travel preparations, including fast facts and notifications about the destination country, information about known risks and prevention measures. An advisory packet, sent to the traveler by email, includes up-to-date information such as food and water risks (for example, the safety of tap water), vaccinations required, the level of medical care available, conflicts in the region, natural hazards, cultural issues and other relevant items.

Once your travel starts, you can make any necessary updates to your itinerary or other information by logging into the site remotely.

Widespread participation in the registry will help Johns Hopkins as well as travelers, giving the university a better picture of the number of personnel and students in a given country when an issue arises. In 2011, for example, it was difficult for Johns Hopkins to determine how many travelers were in Egypt and specifically where they were at the time of the Arab Spring unrest.

There are two ways to create a travel account on the registry and get started: Log into the “myJHU” portal, click on “myApps” on the left, and then click on “Travel Registry.” Alternatively, click here and then click on “Registry.”

All information provided is held securely, with only name, email, phone number and itinerary passed on to International SOS. No personal details will be shared with other parties.

Please create your account as soon as possible and start registering your travel. If you have any questions about the registry, please contact me.

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