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University of Alabama System Issues Domestic Travel Advisory

The University of Alabama System continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. Today System officials issued guidance advising against any non-essential domestic travel at this time, particularly to large conferences with attendees from multiple states or locations that have declared a state of emergency due to the virus.

Faculty, staff and students on UA System campuses are encouraged to use good judgment when making travel decisions and work with campus administration to evaluate alternative methods of remote participation such as live-streaming of conference sessions and meetings.

The UA System advisory also states: “Students, faculty and staff who have concerns about being exposed to the virus while traveling should not be required to travel. Likewise, any student, faculty or staff member who elects **not** to attend a previously scheduled event due to those concerns should not be disciplined.”

The UA System website will continue to be a centralized source for updated information on the virus outbreak, policies and other guidance: <http://uasystem.edu/news/2020/02/ua-system-covid-19-updates/>