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Subject: Incident Report for Minnesota Students in Travel Abroad Programs

The Incident Report for Minnesota Students in Travel Abroad Programs, which covers the 2017-2018 school year, is posted on the Minnesota Department of Education website in two locations:

Student Support Data Collection:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/datasub/StudentSupport/MDE085949>

2019 Legislative Reports:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/leg/rpt/rep19/MDE085949>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Student Support Data Collection

Report on Minnesota Students in Travel Abroad Programs 2017-2018

Minnesota Statutes, section 5A.03, subdivision 2, requires the Minnesota Department of Education to:

1. Annually report information on the number of Minnesota student deaths and hospitalizations *due to accidents and the illnesses that occurred while Minnesota students were participating in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program that resulted from Minnesota students participating in the program. The name and type of foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program and the city or region where the reported death, hospitalization due to accident or illness occurred must also be reported.*
2. Include links to both the United States Department of State's Consular Information Program that informs the public of conditions abroad that may affect students' safety and security. Publicly available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting students participating in a foreign exchange or study or other travel abroad program must also be included.

School Year 2017-2018

During the 2017-2018 school year, one district reported one incident of heat-related student illness that required hospitalization.

Information on Areas not Deemed Safe for Travel

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) World Fact Book provides information about country profiles. The background section of the World Factbook country profiles describes a country's historical U.S. relations and any recent military conflicts, which may inform a district or charter's decision to travel to that country.

Office of Higher Education Study Abroad Health and Safety Report provides health and safety information for college students attending a Minnesota campus or studying abroad. The Study Abroad Health and Safety Data report on death and hospitalization incidents from the previous academic year will be updated annually.

Students Abroad, a U.S. Department of State consular affairs website, provides comprehensive information on specific destinations by country. The site includes information for students with special considerations – such as women and LGBTI travelers and information about travel advisories.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime produces and disseminates accurate statistics on drugs, crime and criminal justice at the international level. The information can be searched by type of crime, region and country.

U.S. Department of State provides information about international travel including an option to enroll in their Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), a free service that allows U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

The site provides travel advisories and information and guidance on how to prepare in case something goes wrong overseas.

Travel advisories that are updated daily can be seen on a color-coded map on the Department of State's Travel.State.Gov website.

Information and Data on Sexual Assault and Other Criminal Acts

Data on reported sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting students on college campuses and students participating in study and travel abroad programs is available through the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. Study Abroad Participation and Incidents by Institution data for 2017-2018 can be seen on the Study Abroad Health and Safety report.

Student Safety Resources

General safety information offered for students in higher education is also relevant for students in secondary programs.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides valuable information for travelers on its website.

Minnesota Office of Higher Education Study Abroad Health and Safety Resources for Students and Parents

Students Abroad, U.S. Department of State Website

Office of Higher Education: International Students and Study Abroad

Students Abroad.com offers basic health and safety information including top 10 health and safety issues for students in study abroad programs.

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U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs Travel Information



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