

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

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Cabinet Members Northeastern State University 609 N Grand Avenue Tahlequah, OK 74464

Dear NSU Cabinet Members,

Because the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) allowed the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire on May 11, 2023, effective immediately the University Sponsored Travel Guidelines for Northeastern State University are changing.

Only requests to travel to the State of California and all international travel for university business or academic purposes that is paid for, in whole or in part, by the State of Oklahoma will remain suspended until further notice, unless such travel is essential to the university and approved in writing by the appropriate vice president and president. Essential travel is limited to travel that is necessary to maintain professional accreditation that is otherwise unavailable within Oklahoma; critical to the performance of core agency functions; or required by the federal government or necessary to secure federal funding.

- All university sponsored travelers are encouraged to review the CDC guidance for the location traveling to and understand their associated travel risks before, during and after travel.
- All travel approvals are subject to change and possible revocation based on evolving public health and university guidance.

As appropriate, please share this information within your divisions and departments.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner, Ph.D.

President