POLICY: To maintain the safety of our faculty, staff, and students, the travel of faculty and staff must be tracked under this policy. Any travel or any absence from the University will be documented including the site of all travel locations. Depending on the travel location, the return from travel could require adherence to University, PA State, County and CDC guidelines. Faculty, staff, and students, will need to follow the existing University, PA State and County, as well as CDC guidelines – https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/
https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx

PROCEDURE:

Students – Return to Campus and/or Clinical
• Students returning to the University, see Univ. guidelines. https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/return-to-campus
• Students returning to Clinical Rotations, please follow the guidelines of the assigned clinical site.

Faculty and Staff – Absence Forms
• When requesting vacation or any other absence, indicate the city/county/state to which you are traveling, mode of transportation, as well as any other applicable travel plans, on the Absence form. This information should include if you plan to travel to different areas within your vacation. All travel must adhere to University, PA State, County and CDC guidelines.
• If you already have an approved absence, update your supervisor with your travel plans.

Coverage of your duties
• Refer to the quarantine and isolation guidelines below. Additional time for quarantine and isolation, when required, must be considered in your absence request.

Quarantine and Isolation When Required
We will continue to follow University guidance found here (https://www.coronavirus.pitt.edu/) which currently recommends the following:
• Persons returning from travel to an area of the U.S. that remains under stay-at-home orders (red zone) are required to self-quarantine at their permanent residence or remain away from campus for 14 days.
• International travelers are required to self-quarantine at their permanent residence or remain away from campus for 14 days upon return to the US.
• Exemptions for both international and domestic travel may be made by a health care facility for Pitt faculty and staff with patient care responsibilities who undergo screening and clearance performed by the respective hospital.
• Persons with close contact of persons known or probable for Covid-19 are required to self-quarantine at home or away from campus for 14 days from date of last exposure. Close contact is defined as sharing the same household, or sharing the same office or workspace in the 48 hours prior to the date of the emergence of any symptoms or the date of a positive test.
• Faculty or staff that become positive or probable for Covid-19 are required to self-isolate at their permanent residence or away from campus until medically cleared.