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Dear OAP Student,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Study Abroad UC San Diego is strongly advising all summer and fall 2021 OAP study abroad students to have a plan A and plan B option.

Plan A is to continue with the study abroad planning, such as the OAP paperwork. You should also reach out to the study abroad provider to ask if they are flexible on the application deadline. Ask them about their refund policy in case you decide not to participate. Several study abroad providers are now offering virtual programs, so you may wish to ask your provider if such an alternative exists for your program.

The plan B option is to work with your college and departmental advisers to select summer and fall 2021 courses at UC San Diego that will meet your graduation requirements.

We don't have any information at this time about when vaccines will be widely available however, it will be very important for all students studying abroad to be vaccinated before departure. Our office anticipates that we will send a further advisory message to all summer and fall OAP study abroad students in early spring quarter.

I am very sorry to have to give this difficult news, but we want to offer some hope. This pandemic will lift at some point, and we are ready to assist you with plans to postpone on-site study abroad to a safer time. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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