Dear students,

I am so glad to hear of your interest in completing your MPH practicum abroad! We are so excited for you and your potential international opportunity. Despite the current global pandemic, you can still think about international opportunities for the future!

University policy requires that all students pursuing academic opportunities abroad complete an application with the Office of Global Education (OGE). This application asks that you provide specific information about your proposed destination, plan for housing and transportation, and more. It asks you to identify potential risks to your health and safety, and to describe your plan for mitigating these risks.

This application – and study abroad – require significant advanced planning. Below is a checklist to help you stay on track for a successful international experience:

1. Review the International SOS Travel Advisories for your proposed country.
   - The university restricts student travel to countries with “high” risk related to medical, travel, and COVID-19 impacts to Domestic Operations. Specifically, countries or areas within a country with a “high” advisory for Medical and Travel/Security reasons as well as COVID-19 Impact as it related to Domestic Operations require that the traveler submit a travel appeal no later than three months prior to proposed departure. Student travel to locations with an International SOS medical or travel risk rating of “extreme” is not permitted and is not appealable. Contact me with questions about this policy and appeal process.
   - You can check the travel advisories for the country you’re interested in traveling to by logging in to InternationalSOS.com with the membership number 11BCAS000006.
   - For this academic year, if the only reason a destination is “high” risk is due to COVID-19, you will complete a travel appeal to address COVID-specific risk mitigation, which will be reviewed by OGE but not the International Risk Management Committee, which will review all other appeals.

2. Talk to your advisor about your international practicum plan.

3. Complete an OGE application: https://studyabroad.ucdenver.edu/?go=CSPH.
   - Deadlines:
     - Winter/Spring practicums: November 1, 2021
     - Summer practicums: April 1, 2022

Don’t hesitate to reach out with questions about the OGE process or general international risk management. I look forward to working with you as you plan your international academic adventure!

Best,
Nicole