

To: School of Dentistry Faculty, Staff and Students

From: Dean Reynolds

Re: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Date: February 15, 2017

The University of Maryland, Baltimore has a growing number of faculty, staff, and students traveling to, and working in, foreign countries. The health and safety of our colleagues is of paramount importance. **Effective March 1, 2017, all UMB faculty, staff and students traveling internationally on UMB business or programs are required to register their itineraries and emergency contact information in the UMB International SOS travel registry.** Those traveling overseas before March 1st are encouraged to register with International SOS, as well.

In 2016, in order to offer the highest quality risk mitigation, security, and medical support to our international travelers, UMB contracted with International SOS, a worldwide medical and travel security assistance provider. International SOS offers for a full range of support to those traveling internationally, including up-to-date security and health assessments for most countries in the world, lists of approved medical providers, and, if necessary, swift access to evacuation transportation. It provides extensive preventive and informational programs to all UMB travelers, 24/7. International SOS is the provider of choice for many higher education, corporate and government entities, including the U.S. Department of Defense. The 27 assistance centers, 5,600 medical professionals, 200 security specialists, 56 clinics (SOS clinics) and 77,000 accredited providers offer the safety and security UMB faculty, staff and students deserve, while abroad for UMB.

The easiest way to register your international travel is by purchasing your airline tickets from one of the three UMB partner travel agencies (TravelOn, Globetrotter, or Omega). The details of your itinerary will automatically populate the International SOS travel registry. We strongly encourage the use of these travel agencies for international travel.

If you are traveling internationally and have purchased your ticket outside of the three preferred UMB vendors, please go to the [umaryland.edu/global](http://umaryland.edu/global) page. The link to SOS is on the top left. Register your trip through the "My Trips" link on the right-hand side of the page (itinerary and emergency contact information required). At that site you will also find the UMB account number that you will need if you encounter an emergency situation while you are traveling.