BC students isolated in Italy due to virus

(KAIR)--A group of Benedictine College students are hopeful to return to the United States soon as they are currently isolated on international soil due to COVID-19.

KMBC-TV <u>reports</u> the group of 30 students, studying in Florence, Italy, are quarantined and isolated following a virus outbreak within the group

Citing sophomore nursing student Jennifer Franey, the TV station reports that the outbreak began after one student, nearly 3-weeks ago, tested positive following their return from a spring break trip to Spain. Five days later, thirteen students also tested positive for the coronavirus.

Benedictine College President Steve Minnis told KMBC college leaders have been in constant contact with Italian health officials, who are remaining cautious due to what Minnis says is a specific English virus variant confirmed among the group of students.

The college is making accommodations allowing the students to remain in Italy until a required negative test for the virus is confirmed, allowing the students to leave isolation.

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