



WEEKLY UPDATE – March 9

Coronavirus Update and Travel Advisory

As the Coronavirus has spread to many parts of the world and the situation is constantly evolving, the University of San Francisco has been closely monitoring the situation. For the most updated information as well as resources and frequently asked questions, please refer to the [resource page on myUSF](#). You can also review reputable information from the [CDC](#), [SFDPH](#), or this guide from NPR about [how to prepare for Coronavirus](#).

ISSS asks all students to follow the [USF COVID-19 Travel Guidelines](#) when traveling for USF activities or for personal reasons.

Currently the US travel restrictions only address travel to mainland China and Iran. If someone has traveled to China or Iran in the last 14 days they will not be able to enter the US. Both of these countries are listed as [Level 3 on the CDC travel advisory](#), along with Italy and South Korea. ISSS strongly discourages travel to these four countries because you will need to self quarantine when you return for 14 days before returning to campus.

Students should avoid any non-essential travel to countries listed as Level 2 on the CDC travel website and will need to check-in with the USF Health Promotion Services office before returning to campus.

All travelers should use discretion when selecting your destination and time of travel. Travel during the semester may require you to miss classes if you cannot return or have to self-quarantine. In addition to international travel, you should be conscience about any domestic travel, taking into consideration the circumstances of the location you plan to visit.

Keep in mind that the travel restrictions can change and make it difficult to return. Also, be aware of any stopovers and note the conditions in those countries before departing from your original destination. You should always follow the [ISSS travel information](#) on our website and make sure you have a travel signature and valid visa.

Happy Spring Break!

We hope you enjoy a week of rest and rejuvenation during your spring break! If you're planning to stay in the Bay Area during break, check out some SF happenings below. Friendly reminder that if you are running a fever or feel unwell, please use this time to stay home and rest! The best way to stay healthy and protect ourselves and others is to follow [the recommended steps](#) to prevent the spread of illness.



SF Botanical Garden Free Admission Day

The [San Francisco Botanical Garden](#) is one of the most diverse gardens in the world. A unique urban oasis, the garden is a living museum within Golden Gate Park, offering 55 acres of both landscaped gardens and open spaces, and showcasing over 8,500 different kinds of plants from around the world.

The garden is always free for San Francisco residents, but visitors can also enjoy this treasure for free on the second Tuesday of every month, plus it's free on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Asian Art Museum \$10 Thursday Nights

The [Asian Art Museum](#) will be open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays and general admission is just \$10. You can spend an evening in their beautiful building enjoying the galleries, fun talks, lively gatherings, and intimate hangs with artists.

With the exception of certain special events, general admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students, and youths (age 13-17). There is a \$10 surcharge for special exhibition tickets.



SF Film Festival

The [San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival \(SFI OFF\)](#) inspires people to appreciate and care for the ocean by revealing its wonders through independent films at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center from March 12–15.

On Sunday, March 15 you can attend a free program of student films from the Bay Area and as well as other countries. The event is free, but [registration is still required to attend](#).



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The United Irish Societies of San Francisco invite you to join in the 169th Annual celebration of Saint Patrick and Irish culture.

The parade kicks off at 11:30 am at [the corner of Second and Market](#) where attendees from all over the world will reel with laughter and revelry all the way to City Hall. The celebration will continue at the Civic Center Plaza at their annual [St. Patrick's Day Festival](#).

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES

Requesting a document from ISSS?

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **five business days** to process requests. Make sure you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it. [You can also make some document requests through an online submission](#).

ISSS Office Hours

ISSS holds regular business hours of Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops

[Appointments can be made online](#). Please visit the [ISSS website](#) to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are still booked in 30-minute increments.

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