



SUMMER UPDATE - June 9

COVID-19 FAQ Updates and International Travel Reminders

Dear International Student,

We hope you are enjoying your summer break and this email finds you safe and healthy. We are writing to share some updates as you think about your summer plans and the return for the Fall 2020 semester. Our goal is to support you and provide information as you make plans for the year ahead.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

Our office has recently updated **the COVID-19 FAQ on the ISSS website**. This page answers questions related to visas and travel, fall courses, employment, and more. It will be continuously updated over the summer so we encourage you to continue to review it to stay up-to-date on the most recent information.

TRAVEL AND REENTRY CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the changing conditions and the uncertainty of what travel will be like in August, ISSS recommends that students stay in the U.S. this summer so they can be in classes in the fall. If you are already outside of the U.S. or decide to travel home this summer, please read the information below for guidance on what to expect and what documents you need.

USF can provide support and information for your travel so that you can make the best decision for you and your family about how and when to travel to campus. **Please contact our global mobility team at travel@usfca.edu if you are abroad and having a hard time finding a way back to the U.S.**

- **Flight and Travel Restrictions**

Some countries have restricted flights and movement. Students will have to explore options to travel and possibly travel to a nearby country that is offering flights. The conditions are dynamic and changing by the day with some countries adding restrictions and others easing them. Contact the global mobility team, **travel@usfca.edu**, if you are experiencing these challenges.

- **U.S. Entry Restrictions**

Students who are abroad and trying to return to the U.S. should be aware of U.S. travel restrictions. These entry restrictions, **listed on the CDC webpage for reference**, currently include a prohibition on entry to travelers originating in or transiting China, Iran, UK, Ireland, Brazil, and the 26 countries of the **Schengen region**. If you are in one of these countries you may need to travel to a third country that does not have this restriction and remain there for 14 days before being able to enter the U.S.

- **Required Documents for Travel and Travel Signatures**

Before you depart, please review and prepare the necessary documents for travel listed on the **ISSS travel page**. You can obtain a travel signature from ISSS by submitting a request for an “I-20 Reprint” or “DS-2019 Reprint” via our new student platform, **MyISSS**. Please see the **MyISSS handbook** on our website and **submit a request**. Note that processing time is ten business days and due to the current circumstances you are required to purchase shipping for your document to be mailed to you. Please follow the instructions in MyISSS to request your document and schedule your shipping.

FALL 2020 ROADMAP

At this time, USF is hopeful to resume in-person classes for fall 2020 in some fashion. It is still uncertain when life will be able to return to normal and the university is continuing to plan for different scenarios. Please see information in the **Campus Roadmap to Reopening** message that the university president, Fr. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., shared on Thursday, May 21. **The timeline in the roadmap announced that on June 15 the university will share a formalized plan for Fall 2020.** Also stated in the roadmap: “plans are being developed on how we deliver faculty interaction when/if our student community is divided between remote and on-campus experiences to include international students unable to return or other students who opted to remain remote.”

ISSS will keep our resource page updated as government policies and procedures change. You are encouraged to **make an appointment** to meet with your ISSS adviser if you have questions or concerns. All of our services are available online Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Please don’t hesitate to contact our office at **iss@usfca.edu**.

We are very hopeful to see many of you soon as our international community brings such joy and life to the USF campus. In the meantime, we are thinking of you and your families and are here to support you in navigating your year ahead.

Warmly,

International Student and Scholar Services

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Requesting a document from ISSS?

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **ten business days** to process requests. Make sure you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it. Requests can be made online through **MyISSS**.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops

Appointments can be made online. Please visit the **ISSS website** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are still booked in 15-minute increments.

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