SAN FRANCISCO International Student and Scholar Services



#### WEEKLY UPDATE – April 26

#### Ramadan Mubarak

As the month of Ramadan continues, our office wishes all students who are observing a happy, safe, and blessed holiday. May the spirit of Ramadan stay in your hearts and illuminate you from within as you move through this celebration.

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations Tips**

On April 15, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) announced that COVID-19 vaccinations are available to all individuals 16 years and older. Note that international students are eligible for the vaccine in the U.S. For students living in San Francisco, visit **Get vaccinated against COVID-19** for more



information and to book a vaccination appointment. USF students living outside of San Francisco can find COVID-19 vaccination information through one of the following websites:

- The California Department of Public Health
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Currently, USF has not mandated the COVID-19 vaccine for students, however, we highly urge students to schedule and make a plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they are able. Right now, because USF is not requiring anyone to receive the vaccine, you would not need to get a new vaccine if you have received one in your home country. We will update you if there are any changes in USF's vaccination policy. For more information about USF's immunization requirements and health insurance information, please visit the **Health Promotion Services (HPS) website**. For more information about the reopening of the USF campus in fall 2021, please **visit USF Together »** 



#### **Support and Resources**

ISSS wants to remind you that if you experience or witness hate within our community, it's important to report it to USF's Bias Education and Resource Team (BERT). BERT is a university-wide team that works to gather information about bias incidents and supports those individuals who have witnessed, or themselves have become a target of, an act of bias. Additionally, students are encouraged to visit the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) website for resources and information to connect with other students and staff in a safe, supportive environment.



## Visa and Travel FAQ

As the COVID-19 global pandemic continues to evolve, it's important to stay up-to-date on immigration information related to your international student status. In an effort to answer your questions related to a variety of topics including student visas, travel, and employment, our office has created and continues to update our **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**. For all other announcements and actions related to in-person instruction and campus life this fall, please visit the **USF Together page »** 

# **ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES**

### **Requesting a document from ISSS?**

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **10 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 make document requests through online submission.** 

# **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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