

Dear Students,

With the health and safety of our community as our foremost priority, USF has implemented the following measures and protocols for your arrival or return in the fall.

**Vaccination requirement:** USF will require all students, faculty, and staff, to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by the start of the fall semester. Each community member will be required to be vaccinated with one of the vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO). The list of currently approved vaccines includes:

- Oxford–AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria, Covishield)
- Pfizer–BioNTech
- Sinopharm–BIBP
- Moderna
- Johnson & Johnson Jansenn

*Note: Sinovac/Coronavac is not yet authorized by the WHO.*

Students who have received one of the approved vaccines will be asked to submit proof of vaccination through **Med+Proctor** before arriving on campus by following the instructions for **submitting proof of immunizations** on the Health Promotion Services (HPS) website. **Students who have received one of the previously mentioned vaccines will not need to be revaccinated or required to quarantine upon arrival.**

Students who have not been fully vaccinated with an FDA- or WHO-approved vaccine before their arrival on campus will be required to quarantine and will be supported in getting vaccinated at the beginning of the term. Vaccines are readily available for students in the U.S., regardless of citizenship, and USF's Health Promotion Services (HPS) will provide information on the vaccine locations upon arrival. If you would like assistance getting a vaccine appointment, please contact ISSS ([iss@usfca.edu](mailto:iss@usfca.edu)) or HPS ([hps@usfca.edu](mailto:hps@usfca.edu)).

**What if I have been fully or partially vaccinated with a vaccine that is not on the approved list?** Students who have received a vaccine that is not on the list approved by the FDA or WHO will need to be revaccinated. If you have questions about being revaccinated, you can read additional information at the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) under the section titled: **People vaccinated outside the United States**.

**USF Safety Practices:** All students will be required to follow campus safety practices. These practices are designed to keep you and those around you safe. It is important that students follow these practices whenever visiting campus or participating in a university activity.

- **Staying Healthy in a Changing Environment EVERFI Course:** All students will be required to complete the COVID-19 online course by Aug. 1. The COVID-19 course has been designed to provide you with important information and facts about COVID-19, effective strategies to protect yourself and others, and information to prepare you for returning to our USF campus, and contributing to making our community as safe as possible. Once registered for fall 2021 semester you will receive an invitation from EVERFI to take the course. Please contact HPS at [hps@usfca.edu](mailto:hps@usfca.edu) with any questions.
- **Dons Health Check:** Currently all students, faculty, and staff are asked to complete the Dons Health Check daily when coming to campus to remind each individual of campus protocols and how to monitor your health.
- **Preventative Practices and Response Plan:** USF has been practicing preventative measures throughout the pandemic. We have had classes and residential students on-campus who have been wearing face coverings, social distancing, and following quarantine and isolation procedures. Our COVID-19 Response Plan outlines how USF responds to COVID-19 cases on campus.
- **USF Together:** The USF Together webpages provide more details on how we will safely share our campus spaces, how they will be sanitized, and expectations for individuals to monitor their health.

**U.S. Travel and Quarantine:** Per the **CDC requirements** air travelers who plan to enter the U.S. must provide a negative COVID-19 test to their airline in order to board their flight. Upon arrival in the U.S., unvaccinated travelers are required to self-quarantine for 10 days, or 14 days if living on-campus. Read more about the **self-quarantine** procedures and what is expected of you during quarantine.

**On-Campus Housing:** Students with assigned on-campus housing for fall, who are outside of California and not yet vaccinated with one of the approved vaccines, should arrive by July 31 to quarantine on campus. USF will set aside quarantine rooms in July for students who need to arrive early to quarantine. Please be in touch with ISSS ([iss@usfca.edu](mailto:iss@usfca.edu)) if you will not be able to arrive by July 31.

**Off-Campus Housing:** For students living off campus you should follow the self-quarantine information already detailed in this email. With apartment rentals in San Francisco more readily available and lower rents, it is a good time to secure housing. If you are looking for housing, visit the **Office of Off-Campus Living's listings**. If you are looking for a roommate you can post it on the message board on the **Off-Campus Living Page** and review this helpful **resource for safe living practices**. Contact USF Off-Campus Living for more information at [usfcaoffcampus@usfca.edu](mailto:usfcaoffcampus@usfca.edu).

**Applying for a U.S. Visa:** U.S. consulates around the world are reopening but visa appointments may be limited, visit your local consulate's website for appointment availability. You can read details about the **U.S. visa application and interview process** and contact ISSS at [iss@usfca.edu](mailto:iss@usfca.edu) with additional questions. If you have a student visa that has expired in the past 48 months, you can apply for a **visa interview waiver**.

**U.S. Entry Restrictions (only for students coming from countries with the entry restriction in place):** Students arriving on an F1 or J1 visa from China, India, Brazil, U.K., Ireland, the Schengen area of Europe, Iran, and South Africa **no longer need to quarantine for 14 days in a third country** when arriving for studies that begin after Aug. 1. The USF fall 2021 semester activities begin on Aug. 20 and most continuing students can enter the U.S. 30 days before Aug. 20, which is July 21. Check your I-20 for your I-20 start date. If your I-20 start date is in the past you can **use this travel letter** to enter on or after July 21. If your I-20 start date is for the fall 2021 semester, you can **use this letter** to enter up to 30 days before the start date listed.

Continuing students from all other countries, other than those previously listed, can enter the U.S. at any time if your I-20 start date is in the past. Read the **ISSS travel information** for more details about what documents are needed for travel.

You can find the latest travel and immigration updates in the **ISSS FAQ**. We wish you a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing you soon. The ISSS office will be open all summer, please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best regards,

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