Before We Begin

◦ Please mute your audio
◦ Chat room will be disable until we start the Q&A period
◦ Refer to https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19 for ongoing updates
Today’s Topics

◦ Visa and Developments
◦ Enrollment Requirements
◦ Pre-submitted FAQs on Insurance and Housing and More
◦ More

◦ Next Forum: Wednesday, August 5 at 10am – go to announcement at icenter.tufts.edu
Visa Processing and Travel Developments

- US State Department announced on July 15 that US consulates would begin limited re-openings, depending on local conditions.
- Reports that many US consulates have started to open up visa appointments for July / August, especially in western Europe and other countries in Asia.
- Start the DS-160 visa application so that you can make an appointment when appointments open up in your area.
Federal Agencies and Immigration

US Federal Government Agencies
  - Dept of Homeland Security
    - Immigration and Customs Enforcement
      - Student & Exchange Visitor Program
    - Customs and Border Protection
  - USCIS
  - Department of State
    - Bureau of Consular Affairs
Schengen Area / UK & Ireland

- US State Department announced on July 16 that students could now apply for F-1 visas and/or travel to the US with valid F-1 visas even though the COVID-19 travel suspension remains in place.

- **EXERCISE CAUTION** especially for travel to US in the next 2-3 weeks:
  - State Department announcement has not yet been confirmed by US Customs and Border Protection, which oversees arrival at US airports and border crossings.
  - Remember that if you are transiting through the Schengen area / UK and Ireland from a region that is under a COVID-19 travel suspension, you may still be ineligible to enter the US.
I-20 Reprints

- July 6 announcement by ICE said schools would need to reprint I-20s for persons applying for F-1 visas and/or coming to the US this fall
- July 6 announcement was withdrawn by Department of Homeland Security, so I-20 reprint requirement has been removed

**HOWEVER**
- Some US consulates are still requiring reprinted I-20s!
- We are actively working with US State Department to tell them what the Department of Homeland Security did
Other COVID-19 Travel Suspensions

- Besides developments concerning travel from the Schengen area and UK/Ireland, COVID-19 travel suspensions are still in effect for persons trying to come to the US from China, Iran, and Brazil.
  - Entry to US not permitted if you were in these countries or regions within the 14 day period prior to attempting entry into the US.
  - Includes transit stops.
- Non-essential (tourism) travel to US from Canada and Mexico still restricted through August 20.
  - Student travel OK.
Enrollment Requirements

- Expected Fall 2020 rules coming out soon
- Current rules are discussed on our COVID-19 FAQ page
  - [https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19](https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19)
- Generally:
  - New students can come to the US only if programs are offering in-person classes (including hybrid classes)
  - Continuing students can maintain status with full-time enrollment (regardless of modality)
- Look for updates in near future
Student Health Insurance

- If you are taking classes, even remotely, for Fall 2020 you will be charged health insurance.
- You may apply for a waiver if you will not be in the US and will rely on your home country insurance instead – deadline is July 31st.
- Go to [https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19](https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19) --> look for FAQs on campus services, or contact studenthealthinsurance@tufts.edu.
- If you waive the insurance requirement, the waiver is for the entire year (September 1 2020 - August 31 2020).
- You can enroll in the student health insurance plan if you come to the US at a later point during the year.
Pre-Submitted Questions

1. Can I change what I indicated on my July 7 or July 10 intent form (in both directions – from “coming” to “online” or “online” to “coming”)?

2. What will be the quarantine requirements if I am coming to Tufts from another US state? Another country?

3. Will COVID-19 testing be done at arrival, and how frequently thereafter? Will insurance pay for these tests?

4. When can I move in to my on-campus housing assignment, and how many people can come with me when I move in?

5. What is the deadline for getting a full refund of housing charges if I am not able to come to campus after all? Conversely, how long can I “hold” onto my housing assignment, if I think I’m going to be a little late in coming to campus?
Resources on COVID-19 and Campus Reopening

- [https://coronavirus.tufts.edu](https://coronavirus.tufts.edu)
- covid19@tufts.edu
Q&A and Thank You

◦ Next Forum: Wednesday, August 5 at 10am EDT
  ◦ Sign up by going to https://icenter.tufts.edu

◦ Updated FAQs on web site happening every Monday
  ◦ https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19

◦ Send questions to internationalcenter@tufts.edu

◦ Thank you for coming!