

Special Forum  
Fall 2020  
Immigration  
Update for  
Students

Tufts International Center  
July 30, 2020



# Before We Begin

- Please mute your audio
- Chat room will be disabled until we start the Q&A period
- Refer to <https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19> for ongoing updates

# Today's Topics

- Announcements
- July 24 Guidance
  
- Next Forum: Wednesday, August 5 at 10am – go to announcement at [icenter.tufts.edu](http://icenter.tufts.edu)

# Announcements

- **July 31 Health Insurance Waiver deadline**
  - Email [studenthealthinsurance@tufts.edu](mailto:studenthealthinsurance@tufts.edu) for waiver form
- **On-campus housing move-in information plan including move-in dates and testing has been announced**
  - <https://students.tufts.edu/student-affairs/residential-life/campus-housing/move-inmove-out-information>

# Travel to US from Schengen Area

- **Travel from Schengen Area to US**
  - Permitted for F-1 students to re-enter without special requirements; requires valid passport, F-1 visa and your Tufts I-20
  - If transiting through the Schengen Area, must be coming from a non-restricted COVID-19 area or have been outside of a restricted country/region for at least 14 days
- **Keep track of travel updates including Centers for Disease Control and State Department – new developments happening every day regarding COVID-19**

# July 24 Guidance

- Updated guidance and FAQs issued on July 24 outlining Fall 2020 rules
- Guidance supplements and expands earlier guidance from March 9
- Sets up rules for **new** students (not in US and admitted to new programs this Fall) and **continuing** (and **transfer**) students who were in F-1 status on March 9

# New Students

- New students are students who were not in US as F-1 students during Spring 2020 and are planning to start their programs this Fall 2020 semester
- **Fall 2020 Guidelines:**
  - Cannot come to US as F-1 students are 100% online (however it is permitted to start online classes from home country)
  - Allowed to come to US as F-1 students if classes are not 100% online (must include in-person or hybrid classes)
  - Keep in mind COVID-19 travel restrictions, visa delays, etc.

# Continuing Students

- Continuing students are students who were already in F-1 student status during Spring 2020 at Tufts and are continuing on in their programs during Fall 2020
- **Fall 2020 Guidelines:**
  - Allowed to re-enter / remain in US as F-1 students as long as they are enrolled full-time for Fall 2020
  - Although in-person / hybrid courses are encouraged, permitted to take those classes that are most helpful for degree progress and personal safety



# Transfer Students

- Transfer students are students who were already in F-1 student status during Spring 2020 (March 9) at another school (high school, college, or university) in the US and are starting programs at Tufts in Spring 2020
- **Fall 2020 Guidelines:**
  - Transfer students still inside US may transfer F-1 status for Fall 2020; may take whichever classes are best for Fall 2020 semester and maintain F-1 status as long as they are full-time
  - Transfer students attending Tufts @ BNU will have F-1 status maintained as long as they maintain full-time enrollment
  - Transfer students who will remain outside the US but register for full-time classes on-line for Fall 2020: **please wait for further instructions from the International Center**

# Resources on COVID-19 and Campus Reopening

- <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](mailto:internationalcenter@tufts.edu)
- Thank you for coming!