

Open Forum Immigration Update

Tufts International Center
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Before We Begin

- Please mute your audio
- Chat room will be disabled until we start the Q&A period
- PDF version of this Powerpoint will be available on the International Center's COVID-19 site (<https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/covid-19>) under “Open Forum Resources”
- Recording will be sent to today's registered participants

Today's Topics

- International Center Winter Break Hours
- Winter Break
- Flu Season
- Spring 2021 Arrival
- Questions

International Center Winter Break Update

- International Center Winter Break Closings
 - **Wednesday, December 23** – early closing at 12pm
 - **Thursday, December 24 – Friday, January 1** – closed for winter break
 - **Monday, January 4** – reopen at 9am
- Look for complete details about Winter Break services and emergency contact on our web site at <https://icenter.tufts.edu>, posted by December 15

F-1 Students: Extensions and OPT

- Documents expiring this December?
 - Request a extension of your I-20 online if you need more time to complete your program: <https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/f1-students/f1-extension/>
 - If you are completing this semester you should apply for OPT now: go to <https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/f1-opt>

Winter Break Travel & Winter Housing

- Read through our Winter Break Travel Advisory
 - <https://icenter.tufts.edu/blog/2020/11/18/2020-winter-break-travel-advisory-for-international-students-and-scholars/>
 - Travel signatures: <https://icenter.tufts.edu/immigration/travel/travel-signatures/>
 - Pre-flight COVID testing if leaving the US
 - COVID-19 entry suspensions (China, Brazil, Iran, with exceptions for F-1 students coming from Schengen countries and UK/Ireland)
 - Home country quarantine and testing requirements
 - US visa operations (if you need a visa to enter the US)
- **On-Campus Winter Housing Request:** Deadline is December 7 (Monday)

Flu Season

- Flu shot requirement for students coming to campus after January 1
- Recommendation: get your flu shot ASAP
 - If you are coming to the US in January / February, plan on getting flu shot in your home country
 - Get documentation / evidence and upload into Patient Portal through Student Health Service

Spring 2021 Arrival

- US Visa Services – reopened in many countries, but with still limited service that may be affected by COVID and other conditions
- “Last Day to Arrive” for Spring 2021
 - Depends on housing situation and school / academic department
 - Contact International Center if you will not be able to arrive by the start of classes for your program
- Students coming for Spring on F-1 visas for the first time must enroll in at least one hybrid / in-person class
- If plans change, let your academic department or school know, as well as the International Center

Q&A

- Open Period for Questions and Answers

Thank You

- Open Forum meetings will resume in January 2020; look for announcements
- Send questions to internationalcenter@tufts.edu
- COVID-19 related news: <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu>

Thank you for coming!