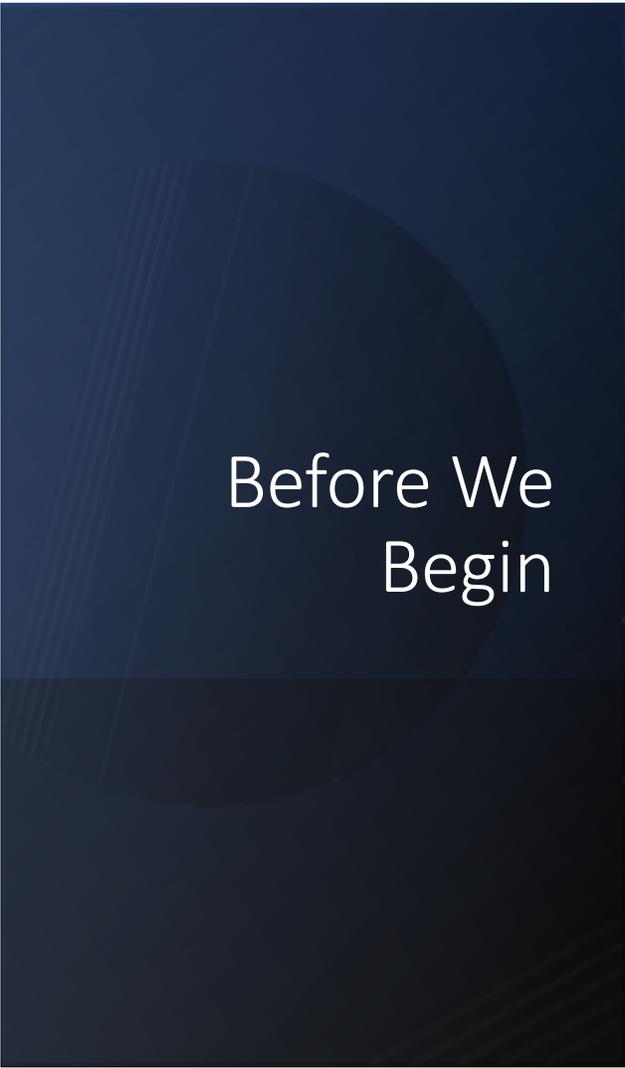


International Center
Open Forum

July 28, 2021





Before We Begin

- This session will be recorded
- Please mute your audio and ask questions in the chat
- Remember that information provided today may change in the future – many situations are still evolving / changing:
check back at
 - Tufts International Center <https://icenter.tufts.edu>
 - Tufts COVID-19 Hub <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu>

Quick Service Announcement

- The International Center will be closed on August 12, 2021 as staff will be meeting all day to prepare for the transition and start of the Fall semester.
- We will be accessing email and web and monitoring phone messages on this date.

International Center Fall Reopening

- International Center offices at Medford, Fletcher School and Boston Health Sciences are planning to return to campus by September 1
 - For Medford, limited walk-in hours will be available starting mid August 2021
- Walk-in hours will be on specific days and times and are for quick services (dropping off documents, getting signatures)
- All other advising services will be done through online appointments
 - <https://icenter.tufts.edu/contact/appointments>
- Our schedule will be posted on the International Center web site in early August
- Masks and social distancing still required for all visitors

20 Sawyer
Avenue
Open Area



US Statement in Support of International Education

<https://icenter.tufts.edu/blog/2021/07/28/joint-statement-international-education/>



US Visa Processes

- Visa application processes are still underway
- Significant percentage of Tufts undergraduate students have successfully obtained their visas, slower rates of approval for graduate students
- Student visas are being prioritized over other types of visas
- Watch for temporary closures or delays due to COVID-19

PP10043 – Students from China

- For students from China we are still collecting survey information regarding PP10043
- Please complete this survey if your visa application was delayed or denied due to Presidential Proclamation 10043
- <https://icenter.tufts.edu/blog/2021/05/17/pp10043/>
- We continue to work on this issue and talking to Tufts administration and other universities about PP10043

COVID-19

- COVID-19 remains a major concern as 'Delta Variant' surges are happening in the US and other countries
- At this time, our health professionals team continues to monitor guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and the state of Massachusetts
- Please continue to plan on exercising many of the precautions, including mask wearing
- Follow guidance from your public health authority for safe air and land travel

COVID-19 Entry Suspensions and NIE Process

- The Biden Administration will continue for now COVID-19 entry suspensions for China, Iran, South Africa, Brazil, India, Schengen Area countries and the UK and Ireland
 - Under these restrictions, direct entry to US is not permitted if you were in these countries within the past 14 days prior to arrival
 - Special permission, called a 'national interest exception' (NIE), is required to travel directly to the US from these regions
- However, F-1 students and their F-2 dependents will have automatic NIE authorization
 - Already in place for Schengen Area / UK
 - Active as of August 1 for entry from the other countries and regions
 - Remember that new students can enter only 30 days prior to start of program listed on the I-20

International Flights & COVID-19 Test Results

- Reminder: if you are traveling to the US by international airlight, remember that US CDC guidance requires you to take a COVID-19 test within three days prior to departure and to show a negative test result prior to boarding
- Correction to previous International Center information: CDC allows the test to be taken within three days prior to departure, not 72 hours
 - Example: if you leave on Friday, your test can be from Tuesday – Thursday
- Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html> for more information about test requirements

Entry Requirements for New Students

- Valid passport
- Valid F-1 or J-1 student visa
- Form I-20 (F-1), DS-2019 (J-1)
- I-901 SEVIS Fee payment receipt (F-1 / J-1)
- Tufts admission letter or email
- Financial documents (e.g., scholarship letter, bank statements, etc.)

- ***Carry these documents with you in your backpack / carry-on bag***
- ***No requirement to show vaccination records during immigration arrival***

Vaccination Requirement

- As of today, the vaccination and quarantine requirement remains the same as in previous weeks
- Fully vaccinated arrivals from international locations do not need to quarantine
- Partially or unvaccinated arrivals will need to quarantine for 7 days and start the vaccination sequence
- Still to be determined exactly when and where Tufts will offer vaccination clinics, although keep in mind that you can get vaccinations at multiple locations throughout Massachusetts
- <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu/healthy-at-tufts/covid-19-vaccinations-tufts>

Arrival and Ongoing Testing



- Arrival testing schedule and locations are at
- For Medford students, the Gantcher Center at 161 College Avenue in Medford will start doing arrival testing on August 15
- Questions about arrival testing should be sent to covid19@tufts.edu.

Tufts COVID-19 Student Vaccination Policy

- Updates at <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu/healthy-at-tufts/covid-19-vaccinations-tufts>
- Students may receive both university-wide and school-specific information about COVID-19 related topics
- Keep in mind that requirements may differ depending on your school or program, and also whether your program takes place in a health care setting (e.g., medical, dental, veterinary medicine, biomedical sciences)

WHO Emergency Use Listings

- Per <https://www.who.int/news/item/01-06-2021-who-validates-sinovac-covid-19-vaccine-for-emergency-use-and-issues-interim-policy-recommendations>
 - Pfizer/BioNTech
 - Astrazeneca (different versions)
 - Serum Institute of India
 - Janssen J&J
 - Moderna
 - Sinopharm
 - Sinovac

Documentation of Vaccination

- Submit documentation of vaccination to Tufts at <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu/healthy-at-tufts/covid-19-vaccinations-tufts>



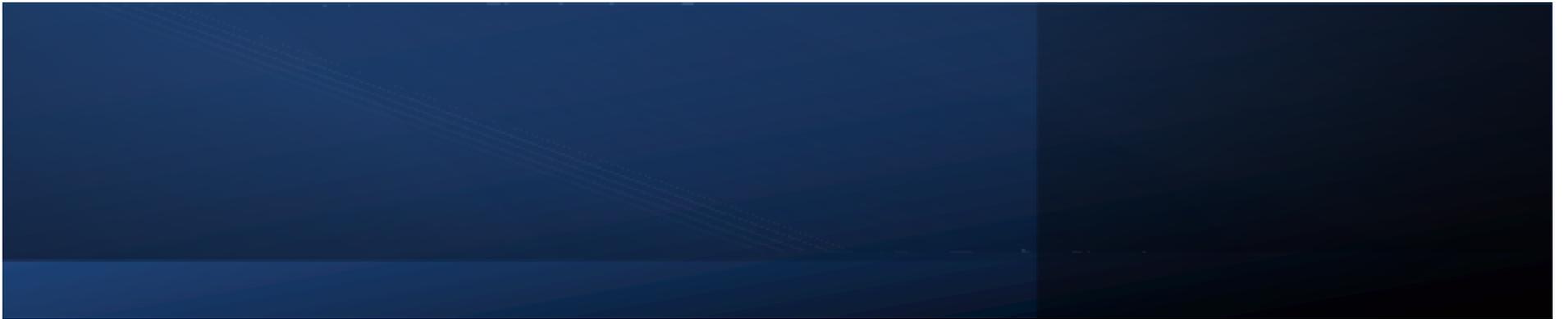
On-campus Housing Move-in Dates

- <https://students.tufts.edu/student-affairs/residential-life/campus-housing/move-in-move-out-information>
- Different move in dates depending on:
 - Year (1st year student versus continuing student)
 - Participating in Pre-Orientation, student athlete, etc.
 - Need for quarantine
- Classes start for most programs on September 8, and regular arrival is on September 1 - September 5

Fall 2021 Enrollment Requirements

- During the pandemic, international students on F-1 or J-1 visas were generally allowed to maintain their visa even if they were enrolled in completely remote (online) classes
- For 2021-2022, students in the US on F-1 or J-1 student visas should continue to enroll full-time and **include a minimum of one in-person class as a part of their class schedules**
 - Full-time is at least 12 credits (SHUs) for undergraduates and 9 credits for graduate students
 - In most cases, because programs are returning to on-campus, in-person teaching and learning for Fall 2021, students should be able to meet this minimum requirement of one in-person class easily
 - Students outside the US on a Tufts study abroad program, Tufts @ BNU, or doing graduate fieldwork and research should be able to maintain status
 - Students not outside the US who do not plan to enroll full-time (or at all) should contact the International Center about their individual situation

Q&A Period



Thank You For Coming

