Executive Action Summary:
Restrictions on Travel & US Consular Operations due to COVID-19

Since the outset of the novel coronavirus and resulting COVID-19 pandemic, several US government policies now impact international travel, documentation, and transportation options. For issues related to current University policies, please continue to consult UR’s COVID-19 Resource Center. ISO will continue to monitor these and other immigration topics.

Presidential Proclamations restricting US Entry based on Geographic Region
Proclamations have been issued that limit travel from 5 regions of the world and will remain in place until terminated by the President. Generally, these restrictions do not apply to US citizens, lawful permanent residents, the spouse, parent, or child (if unmarried and under the age of 21) of a US citizen or resident, as well as certain other familial relations. Travelers are also exempted in certain visa categories (i.e. A; C; D; G; NATO) and when deemed in the US national interest.

- **Feb 2: China** – Suspends US entry for any individual (non-exempted immigrant, nonimmigrant, or other non-citizen) who is physically present within the People’s Republic of China during the 14-day period prior to arriving to the US. The regions of Hong Kong and Macau are excluded. [Proclamation #9984](published 1/31)
- **Mar 2: Iran** – Suspends US entry for an immigrant or nonimmigrant who is physically present within the Islamic Republic of Iran during the 14-day period prior to arriving to the US. [Proclamation #9992](published 2/29)
- **Mar 13: Europe / Shengen Area** – Suspends US entry for an immigrant or nonimmigrant who is physically present within the European Shengen Area of Europe during the 14-day period prior to arriving to the US. The area includes Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. [Proclamation #9993](published 3/11)
- **Mar 16: UK & Ireland** – Suspends US entry for an immigrant or nonimmigrant who is physically present in the United Kingdom or Ireland during the 14-day period prior to arriving to the US. The area includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. [Proclamation #9996](published 3/14)
- **May 26: Brazil** – Suspends US entry for an immigrant or nonimmigrant who is physically present in the Federative Republic of Brazil during the 14-day period prior to US arrival. [Proclamation #10041](amended 5/25)

*NOTE:* For travelers from the Shengen Area, the UK, & Ireland, the US Department of State indicates that F and M visa holders automatically qualify for a national interest exception to these proclamations. However, individuals in other visa categories (J, H, O, etc.) must contact the local US Embassy or Consulate to request the exception.

Presidential Proclamations restricting US Entry based on the US Labor Market
Proclamations have been issued that limit travel by certain immigrants and nonimmigrants who would have US work authorization under their visa category. These proclamations are set to expire on December 31, 2020, subject to change.

- **National Interest Exceptions** – Guidance from Department of State on viable exceptions to these proclamations.

General Restrictions on Travel & US Consular/Visa Operations

- **Visa Processing** – Closures of US Embassies and Consulates worldwide took effect in March 2020. Based on local conditions, a phased resumption of services began in July. Check visa wait times or contact your Consular office.
- **Canada/Mexico Land Borders** – Limitations on “essential travel only” between the US and Canada or Mexico are in place since March, and renewable monthly. Travel by air, or to attend school or work should not be impacted.
- **Testing & Quarantine Requirements** – Please check for updated guidance on New York State’s travel advisory.