

WINTER TRAVEL TIPS

Because of the continued concerns regarding the global pandemic, ISPO continues to encourage caution for students considering international and domestic travel students from international and domestic travel if possible. In addition to the risk of exposure, travel bans, and travel restrictions are expanding with little notice. You can find the latest travel updates and other immigration news [here](#).

If you are considering travel, be sure to review the latest [CDC Travel Notices](#), which currently recommend avoiding nonessential travel to certain regions of the world. Keep in mind that the situation is fluid and other countries can add or change travel restrictions, flights may be canceled, embassies and consulates may restrict visa services and new re-entry restrictions or quarantines could be imposed. Please be sure to provide family and friends with your itinerary and contact information before you travel.

A PROCLAMATION ON ADVANCING THE SAFE RESUMPTION OF GLOBAL TRAVEL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

[October 25, 2021]

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Key Points:

- This suspension and limitation on entry applies only to non-immigrant and non-U.S. citizen air travelers to the United States and does not affect visa issuance.
- Prior Proclamations limiting travel are revoked.
- Options for individuals who are not vaccinated to enter on certain terms (testing and showing proof of scheduled vaccination after arrival).
- For students who cannot access the vaccine - exceptions allowed for:
 - (vii) any noncitizen who is a citizen of a foreign country where the availability of COVID-19 vaccination is limited, as identified pursuant to section 4(a)(v) of this proclamation, and who seeks to enter the United States pursuant to a nonimmigrant visa, except for a B-1 or B-2 visa



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TRAVELING & IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

- New [CDC Guidance for Air Travel to the United States](#) [as of December 2, 2021]
 - Non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. immigrants **must be fully vaccinated** to travel to the U.S. by plane on or after November 8, 2021
 - Starting December 6, 2021 all air passengers, regardless of vaccination status, must show a **negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 1 day or documentation of recovery from COVID-19** before travel to the U.S.
- Before leaving the U.S. for the Winter Break, make sure you submitted the **Check-In for I-20/DS-2019 Activation Form in iPortal** for the Fall 2021 quarter. Failure to activate your I-20/DS-2019 may result in complications upon returning to the U.S.
 - This only applies to students who have arrived to the U.S. for the **first time this fall after receiving an I-20 with a new SEVIS ID number**. The check-in is only required once upon entry to the U.S. on a new SEVIS ID Number.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR RETURNING TO THE U.S.

- Valid passport (valid up to six months or more after reentry date).
- Valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamp in the passport.
 - Unless canceled or revoked, F-1 or J-1 student visas are valid until their expiration, regardless of the SEVIS ID number or school name listed.
- **Valid travel signature** on page 2 of I-20 (F-1 students) or page 1 of DS-2019 (J-1 students). For more information, see our [Travel Signature page](#).
 - You do **not** need a new I-20/DS-2019 travel signature every time you travel internationally if your current signature is still valid. To confirm if it is still valid or already expired visit [this page](#)
- For students who received a [new Initial I-20 or DS-2019 with a new SEVIS ID Number from UC San Diego](#)
 - Ensure the program start date listed on your document reflects the quarter start date for the current quarter you are seeking entry to the U.S.
 - Submit a Check-In Form in iPortal Upon Arrival to the U.S. The check-in is only required once upon entry to the U.S. on a new SEVIS ID Number (deadline for WI22 TBD)
- For a list of recommended documents, please visit [this page](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT

[iTravel.ucsd.edu](https://itravel.ucsd.edu)

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HOUSING

Housing facilities will remain open during Winter Break at no additional cost for students who cannot return home. [Click here](#) to see available dining options.

At the beginning of Winter'22, housing will go back to [Phase 1](#). This means that students need to wear face masks within their residential unit except within personal bedrooms or in the shower. In addition, all students, regardless of vaccination status, will need to test on arrival and on day 5. Tests can be completed using vending machine test kits. Phase 1 will continue until Phase 2 is announced by the Housing Director.

UCSD VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS [REMINDER]

All UC San Diego students, staff and faculty members must be fully vaccinated (two weeks after final dose), per [University of California policy](#). Individuals are required to show [proof of vaccination](#) or have a medical exemption, a religious exception, a disability exception or a deferral. Requests for [exceptions or deferral](#) should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid the risk of non-compliance with the policy.

[Free vaccinations are available](#) for all students, faculty and staff at the Price Center Vaccination Clinic by appointment.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters](#) are available to all eligible students and campus and health employees at drive-up locations at La Jolla and Hillcrest Medical Centers. Booster vaccines are also available at the Price Center only for students and campus employees as of Nov. 15, 2021.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT

[Click Here for More Information](#)

General Tips What it all means for students



Plan ahead!

Make sure all your documents are up to date. Please be aware of potential delays for reentry if you need to renew your visa and consider visa appointment availability in your home country.



Review vaccination mandate information for reentry.

Have proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test results on you.

- If self-tests are not readily available in your country, you may consider taking a self-test with you prior to departure to take before returning. Please note it needs to be an **antigen test or a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT)**.
- If your proof of a negative test, vaccination or recovery are in a language other than English, please confirm with the airline that they will accept it.



Be cautious when traveling.

Avoid traveling to areas that are heavily impacted by COVID-19. Follow the CDC guidelines to protect yourself and others. Masks are still required on public transport, planes, and in the airports.



Contact ISPO

before your departure if you have any questions by visiting

iContact.ucsd.edu