Arriving at Yale in Spring 2021

OISS looks forward to welcoming you to campus this spring! We have compiled a list of resources and a short checklist for you to review before and shortly after your arrival to campus. Yale University and all of us at OISS are committed to supporting you during this global health crisis and welcoming you into the Yale family.

Resources to Review Before You Travel

New CDC Requirement Effective January 26, 2021 [1]

All air passengers arriving to the U.S. from another country are required to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. This rule applies regardless of vaccination status. For more information on this requirement, see the CDC’s Frequently Asked Questions [2].

Read the University Travel Guidelines [3]

Before you leave home, make sure to review the University's and Connecticut's travel guidelines to make sure you meet all of the requirements.

Review Current Travel Restrictions [4]

OISS has compiled all of the travel restrictions currently in place. Make sure to review these carefully.

Fill Out the Traveler Health Form Before Arrival [5]

All travelers entering the U.S. at one of the New York airports will need to complete the Traveler Health Form and present it at the port of entry. If you are traveling directly to Connecticut from the airport, you may do so; if you are planning to spend time in New York, please refer to the New York State COVID-19 Travel Advisory website [6]. If you are entering the U.S. at other locations, please check the requirements of that state (New Jersey [7], Massachusetts [8], Rhode Island [9]).

Read the OISS COVID-19 (this) Page and FAQs

We have updated our FAQs for immigration-related questions for new students [10], current students [11], and scholars [12]. There are many useful resources and important links on this page. Please review it carefully and reach out to us if you have additional questions.
Check Your School’s/Department’s Website For Additional Details

Please be sure to check in with your university department or school for additional arrival details and requirements they might have in place.

Arrival Checklist

Getting to New Haven from the Airport

Depending on where you arrive, there are many options to get to New Haven. However, with the COVID-19 health emergency, some services on public transportation may be limited or new rules enforced, such as always wearing a mask. Please check the websites of your chosen transportation options for the most up-to-date guidance and schedules. See transportation options here. [13]

Sign Up for Your COVID-19 Test [14]

Yale has a robust COVID-19 testing and screening program once you arrive. Review how to schedule a test and set one up for your arrival.

Plan For Your Quarantine Period [15]

We have compiled a list of resources including food delivery services for you to access upon your arrival and during your quarantine period. Review these resources to plan for your quarantine period.

Get Your Flu Shot [16]

Yale Health strongly recommends getting your flu shot once you arrive to campus. Learn more about getting access and schedule this as soon as your quarantine period ends.

New Students: Attend Your OISS Orientation [17]

All new students and scholars are required to attend an OISS orientation. You will be receiving an email with more information on how to attend, so please look for this in your inbox.

Commit To Yale’s Health & Safety Guidelines [18]

Yale has strict health and safety guidelines during this public health crisis. Make sure to read through these carefully and comply fully once you’re on campus.

Connect With Your OISS Adviser [19]

OISS is always here to help. If you have any questions about your arrival, please contact your OISS adviser [19].

Connecting with OISS [19]

There are many ways to get in touch with OISS and keep up with important updates from our office [19]. At this particular moment there is a an extremely high volume of inquiries so please start by taking a look at the information pages to the right (or below on mobile devices) before contacting your adviser. Arrangements will be made to provide immigration documents either electronically or in paper for those who need updates. We truly appreciate your patience and we will respond as soon as possible.
All OISS advising and programming will continue virtually for the foreseeable future.

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Links:
[12] https://oiss.yale.edu/covid-19-resources/for-scholars/faqs-for-scholars-j-1-and-h-1b
[16] https://yalehealth.yale.edu/flu-information
[18] https://covid19.yale.edu/health-guidelines
[19] https://oiss.yale.edu/about/connect-with-oiss