Speculation About a New Presidential Proclamation

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There is speculation that the White House may announce new restrictions on immigration in the coming days. As of today, no official details, preliminary or otherwise, have been provided by the government. From the various rumors there appear to be two general events that may take place:

- An expansion or addition of new travel bans soon, and
- Later “rule making” to propose long-term changes to specific visa categories

You can read a detailed analysis by two immigration attorneys posted by the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration [1]

What to do right now? For those on non-immigrant visas who are outside the U.S.

- Residing in a country not effected by a current travel ban [2], and
- In possession of all necessary and valid documentation (review your specific visa type for details [3] - for example passport, I-20, DS-2019 and other documents)
- Who are otherwise able to enter the U.S. (airline flights, etc…)

You may want to consider returning to the U.S. Also consider checking with friends and family from your country who have recently traveled to the U.S. to see how the re-entry process went.

What is Yale doing about this?

OISS and Yale leadership are closely monitoring the situation, and have access to legal professionals who can notify our office as soon as there is factual, official information that we can use to give you the best advice possible, including suggested actions.