Summer Travel Reminders

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International travel during the summer months will continue to have risks. In making your plans please review the information below carefully. The ability to travel internationally and return to the U.S has certain vulnerabilities and the situation can change quickly.

If you have plans to travel this summer, make sure you have all of your documents and they are valid for travel (F-1 student travel [1] and J-1 student travel [2]). This includes making sure you have a valid travel signature on the second page of your I-20 and first page of your DS-2019.

If you need a travel signature, please email your OISS adviser [3] a month before your planned return date with the subject line “Need new travel signature.” You do not need the travel signature to depart the U.S. Your adviser will then communicate with you directly to see that you obtain one before you return to the U.S. Please note: OISS advisers will process travel signature requests starting in June which will be ample time for your return to the U.S. in August/September.

Below are some additional precautions you should take before traveling this summer:

1. Review the Current Travel Guidance and Restrictions [4] to learn of any travel ban restrictions and the COVID 19 Travel and Health Information Updates [5].
2. Register your travel [6] with Yale. In the event of a major emergency, Yale will be able to contact you.
3. In an emergency, contact International SOS travel assistance [7]. All members of the Yale community are automatically enrolled with International SOS (ISOS), which provides pre-travel consultations and 24/7/365 domestic and international emergency medical, security and travel assistance for Yale travelers and
accompanying family while more than 100 miles from home. 

4. **Check your medical insurance** [8]. Check with your medical insurance provider before you travel to verify coverage of routine medical needs and coverage limitations while you are outside the U.S. For students enrolled in Yale Health Basic and Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage, your Yale Health insurance coverage is good worldwide in the event of a health emergency.

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