As expected, the White House announced the new travel policy on October 25, 2021, *Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the Covid-19 Pandemic*. This proclamation, effective November 8, 2021, will lift the four geographic travel ban restrictions and replace them with a global requirement that “noncitizens who are nonimmigrants” traveling to the U.S. by air from any part of the world establish that they are fully vaccinated, with some exceptions. All air travelers will also continue to have to show results of a negative coronavirus test performed on a specimen taken during three days preceding their flight’s departure from a foreign country traveling to the U.S. in addition to proof of vaccination. OISS and other Yale offices are reviewing this carefully and will post additional clarifications as they become clear.

Even with the easing of travel restrictions, students and scholars may still experience delays (visa appointment back-logs) whether or not you have a valid visa. OISS recommends you consider carefully decisions to travel internationally. If you do travel, be sure to monitor both immigration travel restrictions and Yale’s return to campus policies [1] and make sure you have all the required documents [2].

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