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Protocols for Travel Emergencies

- **Travel Signatures:** If you are in F-1 or J-1 status, you need to ensure that your I-20 or DS-2019 has a valid travel signature to re-enter the U.S. Please remember that travel signatures are only valid for one year, but good for multiple entries. Travel signatures can be found on the second page of your I-20 or the first page of your DS-2019. If you are an F-1 or J-1 student and need a travel signature, please [contact your designated OISS adviser](#) [2] and they will electronically send you a new I-20 or DS-2019 with a travel signature. If you are a J-1 scholar and need a travel signature, please [follow these directions to request a new electronic travel signature](#) [3].
- **Encounters with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP):** If you encounter issues at the U.S. border and the CBP officer has questions that can be answered by OISS, please ask the officer if they would like to call OISS for confirmation. During office hours, OISS can be reached by calling our front desk at (203) 432-2305 and you or the federal agent/officer will be connected to an OISS adviser. After hours, please call Yale Security at (203) 785-5555 and they will immediately call the OISS director or associate director.

Guidance on Measles

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) has issued an official Health Advisory](#) [4] on June 21, 2023 and provided guidance for people planning international travel. Measles (rubeola) is extremely contagious; one person infected by measles can infect 9 out of 10 of their unvaccinated close contacts. To prevent measles infection and spread from importation, CDC recommends for all international travelers to be up to date on their MMR vaccinations, especially prior to international travel regardless of the destination. Other recommendations include:

- Plan to be fully vaccinated (two doses) at least 2 weeks before you depart.
- After international travel, watch for signs and symptoms of measles for 3 weeks after you return to the United States. If you or your child gets sick with a rash and a high fever, call your doctor. Tell them you traveled abroad and whether you or your child have received MMR vaccine.
- Before your next trip, check your [destination](#) [5] and CDC's [Global Measles Travel Health Notice](#) [6] for more travel health advice, including where measles outbreaks have been reported.

Proof of Vaccination

As of May 12, 2023, noncitizen nonimmigrant air passengers no longer need to show proof of being fully vaccinated with an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to board a flight to the United States.
Yale's Vaccine Requirement

The above is related to federal travel requirements. Yale also [strongly encourages all students, faculty, and staff to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19](#) [7]. Please refer to Yale Health's [COVID-19 Vaccination FAQ for International Students and Scholars](#) [8] for more information.

Visa Appointment Availability & Visa Interview Waivers

Unless you are a Canadian citizen, you must have a valid visa to enter the U.S. While U.S. visa processing has improved significantly, you should still apply well in advance, as some U.S. Embassy and Consulates have not still resumed normal operations. This is causing delays in visa processing in certain parts of the world.

The Department of State [announced that U.S. embassy or consulates can waive the visa interview requirement](#) [9] for those who are applying for a nonimmigrant visa in the same classification and whose visa has expired within 48 months.

Chinese Institutions and Funding

[Presidential Proclamation 10043](#) [10] (May 29, 2020) may affect visa issuance and/or entry to the United States for an individual from the People's Republic of China (PRC) seeking to enter the United States on a F or J visa. Proc 10043 may be applicable to an individual who "...receives funding from or who currently is employed by, studies at, or conducts research at or on behalf of... an entity in the PRC that implements or supports the PRC's 'military-civil fusion strategy'" or in the past "has been employed by, studied at, or conducted research at or on behalf of... an entity in the PRC that implements or supports the PRC's 'military-civil fusion strategy.'" Please contact your [OISS adviser](#) [2] if you have questions. You can [read more about Presidential Proclamation 10043 here](#) [11].

Visa and Travel Considerations for Ukrainian Students and Scholars

[Details about non-immigrant visa issuances for citizens of Ukraine, as well as other resources](#) [12].

U.S. Consular Operations in Russia and Belarus

[Details about F and J Visa Processing for Residents in Russia](#) [12]

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