

Broadcast Message: COVID-19 News and Updates: ICE.gov/COVID19 is the Central Location for SEVP Guidance and Stakeholder FAQs

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General Information

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is working closely within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal, state, and local agencies to facilitate a speedy, whole-of-government response in confronting Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), keeping everyone safe, and helping detect and slow the spread of the virus.

ICE.gov Updated with Latest SEVP Guidance and Stakeholder FAQs

In an effort to provide organized information, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has worked with ICE Office of Public Affairs to reorganize SEVP's information <https://www.ice.gov/covid19> to ensure that all SEVP stakeholders have the latest news and updates on COVID-19. Newly added features of this page include:

- **Time-Stamped FAQs.** Due to the volume of questions received, answers to FAQs from SEVP stakeholders on the impact of COVID-19 on SEVP-certified schools and F and M students are documented in a PDF FAQ document, time-stamped for version control.
- **SEVP COVID-19 Guidance Documents** are now located in one central place.
 - [Broadcast Message: COVID-19 and F and M nonimmigrants](#) (January 2020)
 - [Broadcast Message: COVID-19 and Potential Procedural Adaptations for F and M nonimmigrant students](#) (March 2020)
 - [COVID-19: Scenarios for SEVP-certified Schools for Emergency Procedures](#) (March 2020)
 - [COVID-19 School Reporting – Optional Template](#) tschools can use to this optional template for mandatory reporting requirements on temporary procedural adaptations (March 2020)

SEVP continues to actively monitor COVID-19 and will provide up-to-date information with all stakeholders. Due to the fluid nature of this situation, please continue to reference ICE.gov/COVID19 for the latest news and updates.

REMINDER for Schools: Report Procedural Changes as Soon as Possible

As a reminder, schools must notify SEVP of any procedural adaptation due to COVID-19 within 10 business days of the change. SEVP included notification instructions with guidance to SEVP-certified schools in [Broadcast Message: COVID-19 and Potential Procedural Adaptations for F and M Nonimmigrant Students](#). The program also posted an [Optional COVID-19 School Reporting Template](#) that schools can use to report temporary procedural adaptations. SEVP is working within ICE to include the latest updates related to its stakeholders. All are encouraged to revisit <https://www.ice.gov/covid19> as often as possible for any updates to this extremely fluid situation. Please pay particular attention to the date stamp on each document on the page in order to stay up-to-date with the latest information as it is released.

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