Dear International Students,

**Travel Advice:** Given the current global pandemic and the corresponding border closures and drastic reduction in consular services, IPSO’s standing recommendation to all of our clients is to refrain from any international travel except for the most extreme emergencies.

To check consular visa appointment availability, see [travel.state.gov, U.S. Visas](https://travel.state.gov).

Check the CDC website for travel recommendations and tips to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. See [Travel](https://www.cdc.gov).

You may be required to quarantine upon arrival at your destination and upon your return to the Augusta area.

Remember, to request reentry to the U.S. you must have a:
- Passport valid for at least 6 months at the time of reentry;
- Valid visa (see IPSO Visa FAQ at [http://www.augusta.edu/ipso/students/faq.php](http://www.augusta.edu/ipso/students/faq.php); and
- F-1 or F-2 - Valid Form I-20 endorsed by the Augusta University Designated School Official.
- Students on OPT or pending applicants for OPT are required to have an additional document:
  - Form I-797, Notice of Action for receipt of Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; or
  - Valid Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)

If you choose to travel and are unable to return in the time that you projected prior to exiting the U.S., you will put at risk continuation of your academic program enrollment and, if employed, termination of your Augusta University employment.

If you have any questions, please call or email our office.

Thank you,

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To request an appointment with an IPSO advisor, please fill out this form: 
augusta.edu/ipso/appointmentrequest.php

NOTICE: All non-U.S. citizens in the United States are required by regulation (8 CFR 265) to notify USCIS of any change in their address within 10 days of the change by filing Form AR-11 with the USCIS. Notifying the USCIS of any address change is a condition of a non-U.S. citizen’s stay in the United States. Failure to comply could result in removal from the United States. Form AR-11 may be found online: www.uscis.gov/files/form/ar-11.pdf. You may mail your Form AR-11 to the address indicated on the bottom of the form or complete and submit Form AR-11 online: egov.uscis.gov/coa/displayCOAForm.do. Please also immediately notify our office of any change in address.

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