

Coronavirus Resources for Schools

Online Courses

Long-form information regarding best practices and response strategy.

- [World Health Organization](#)

Videos

Video content explaining the virus as well as best practices.

- [WHO: Coronavirus - questions and answers \(Q&A\)](#)

Association Pages

Public information on association websites to collect information for members.

- [NAIS](#)
- [NBOA](#)
- [SAIS](#) (includes sample parent letter)
- [EMA](#) (includes testing information for parents / students)

Coronavirus Resources

Resources specifically related to this outbreak.

- [World Health Organization Facebook Page](#) (good source for coronavirus infographics)
- [Coronavirus: 5 Steps Colleges and Universities Should Take Now](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#) situation summary
- [Inside Higher Ed article on preparing for coronavirus](#)
- [Communication Guidelines for Coronavirus](#) via the Jane Group
- [Coronavirus triggers travel restrictions and other countermeasures](#)
- [When will the coronavirus reach peak?](#)
- [Dynamic coronavirus tracking website](#)
- [Coronavirus vs. Flu](#) (NPR)

Standardized Testing Information

Announcements related to standardized testing cancellations.

- [February 8th SSAT test administrations in mainland China \(Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou\) and Hong Kong canceled](#)
- [TOEFL tests canceled through end of February in mainland China](#)

Travel Resources

Travel advisories and restrictions.

- [State Department Travel Advisory](#) for China
- [Searchable State Department Travel Advisories](#) for other countries

General Resources

Links related to pandemics, emergency response, and other general best practices.

- [American College Health Association pandemic guidelines](#)
- [Six Crisis Communication Tips for Heads of School](#)
- [Get Your School Ready for Pandemic Flu](#)

Information regarding SEVIS / SEVP

Broadcast Message: 2019 Novel Coronavirus and F and M nonimmigrants

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Jan. 29, 2020

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is receiving questions from schools and individuals about how the nationwide response to the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) will impact F and M students and their accompanying dependents.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is the primary resource for up-to-date information on all diseases and biological threats. CDC information about this virus is available at [About 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).^[1]

Additionally, many state and local government public health agencies are developing directions, and state educational systems are incorporating this information into their messaging for schools. Identify and refer to these resources in the management and enrollment of students traveling from 2019-nCoV impacted places. Additionally, advise students traveling from 2019-nCoV impacted places to refer to guidance from the CDC and U.S. Customs and Border Protection about specific port of entry screening processes.

If your school has international students who are currently outside of the United States in impacted places or who are exhibiting symptoms of 2019-nCoV:

Initial students:

- Delay their program start date and issue a new initial Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status."

Active students:

- You may authorize a medical reduced course load. The student will need to provide medical documentation from a doctor. The DSO would then register the student in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for a medically reduced course load with no course load.
- You may terminate their SEVIS records for authorized early withdrawal upon the student's request.

Students on temporary absence:

- You may advise them not to travel to the United States until they can re-enroll in a full course of study.
- If the delay in a student's return from a temporary absence exceeds the five-month limit, you should provide details to the SEVP Response Center at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. SEVP will resolve these on a case-by-case basis.
- If your school has students currently inside the United States who are exhibiting symptoms of 2019-nCoV:

If it is not possible for the student to enroll for this term, please follow step 2a above to authorize a medically reduced course load.

Please have the student follow the directions from the CDC: [What to do if you are sick with 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#).