6/23/2020: Presidential Proclamation titled Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak

On Monday, June 22, President Trump signed a proclamation that will restrict entry of certain foreign nationals on new H-1B or H-4 visas. Entry to the U.S. using a few other visa types is also restricted, but these visa types do not apply to U-M. The proclamation takes effect at 12:01 am EDT on June 24, and will be in place through December 31, 2020. It also extends the ban on entry using immigrant visas through December 31, 2020. As a reminder, foreign nationals who are exempt from the new proclamation remain subject to ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions, which could prevent them from entering the U.S.

WHO IS NOT AFFECTED

- Foreign nationals present in the United States at 12:01 am EDT on June 24, 2020, when the proclamation takes effect.
- Foreign nationals holding a valid visa, even if they are outside the United States when the proclamation takes effect.
- F-1 or J-1 international students or scholars. The proclamation restricts the entry of some J-1 Exchange Visitors, but does not apply to the student and scholar categories hosted at U-M.
- Canadians, since they do not need visas in order to enter the U.S.
- Individuals who are currently in the U.S. in another status, such as F-1 OPT, remain eligible for a change of immigration status to H-1B.
- U.S. lawful permanent residents. The proclamation also includes some additional exceptions.

WHO IS AFFECTED

- Foreign nationals who are outside the U.S. on the day the proclamation becomes effective and who are seeking, but who do not yet possess, an H-1B or H-4 visa. The proclamation also covers some other visa types that are not used at U-M.

Possible new regulations: The proclamation also directs the immigration agencies to consider new regulations that would affect the H-1B program and certain categories of employment-based permanent residence. The International Center will continue to monitor developments and will provide updates once more information about this is available.