SEVP COVID-19 Guidance for Fall 2020 Rescinded

We are pleased to share that DHS has rescinded the guidance and FAQs they shared on July 6th and July 7th. This is partly in response to the Harvard - MIT case that U-M joined, among other cases that were being filed to prevent new restrictive measures. It means that we will return to the March 2020 guidance that facilitated remote learning for students whether they remained in the US or left the country, due to the COVID conditions at the time. We are waiting for an official DHS announcement which extends the March guidance through the Fall 2020 semester, which we believe is the intention behind this reversal. We will update FAQs and announcements on the IC website this week. We will discontinue plans to re-issuue new I-20s for all new and continuing students unless and until we learn something different.

We also call your attention to [this announcement](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/july-14-2020-consulates-begin-phased-resumption-visa-services-depending-local-conditions) about the resumption of routine visa services at some consulates.

We know the past week has been incredibly frustrating, but hopefully some relief can come from today’s news. Please continue to monitor the IC webpage for updates and new information.

We will all get through this if we work together.

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