

We are living with a global pandemic of coronavirus (COVID-19), requiring that we put new safeguards in place to keep everyone healthy and safe for the fall 2020 school year.

As of July 8, 2020, we are planning for in-person education to begin in August. Check below to see the start date for your school. We do not know what this virus will do, or how the pandemic will unfold. Therefore, you need to know the regulations so you can prepare.

If necessary, our schools will be using a hybrid model for school year 2020-2021, a combination of in-person and online learning. Some students will attend in-person, some will participate online, or both.

This letter is meant to give you information regarding the new regulations to be followed. Please review what this means for your education in the U.S.

Flight restrictions as of July 8, 2020:

With specific exceptions, foreign nationals who have been in any of the following countries during the past 14 days may not enter the United States. For a full list of exceptions, please refer to the relevant proclamations in the links below.

- China
- Iran
- European Schengen area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City)
- United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- Republic of Ireland
- Brazil

For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html>.

Quarantine 14 days:

All students returning from their home country will need to isolate for a minimum of 14 days at the host family home.

Immigration Regulations:

- 1) Continuing F students who are already in the United States may remain in active status in SEVIS if they make normal progress in a program of study. If a school switches to only online classes, the students must leave the country or take alternative steps of transferring to a school with in-person instruction to remain in the U.S.
- 2) Students are bound by existing federal regulations.
- 2) Students attending schools using the hybrid model—that is, a mixture of online and in person classes—will be allowed to take more than one class online, but not all classes online.
- 3) If students cannot or will not return to school when in-person instruction resumes, their records will be terminated for authorized early withdrawal.

I-20

I will be issuing all returning F1 students a new I-20 as required. I will send this to you via your school email. You will need to print this and present it at the POE (Port of Entry) to enter the U.S.

Questions:

Please answer the questions below and email to me at trujillo@davenportdiocese.org by **July 17, 2020**.

1. Do you plan on coming back to school in the fall of 2020?
2. Are you sick or have you been sick? Have you had COVID-19?
3. Have you been around someone with COVID-19 or who might have had COVID-19?

Please be aware of the following:

- Watch the news to see what is happening here in the U.S. regarding the pandemic.
- If approved to travel to the U.S, you will be required to quarantine for 14 days prior to entering school. Your host family for 2020-21 must be willing to accept you into their home and assist with the quarantine.
- We are planning for school to open as normal in August.
- If you are able to come for school in person in August, you may not be allowed to go home for winter (Christmas) and/or spring break. You and your parents need to be aware of this situation and decide if you want to return to our program or not.
- What we need to do during this time will likely change and we will make decisions based on guidance from the CDC and our diocese.

Return Dates:

School	School starts	Quarantine Start Date:	Arrival Date in USA
Burlington – Notre Dame	August 10	July 27	July 24
Davenport – Assumption	August 19	August 5	August 4
Davenport – All Saints	August 24	August 10	August 9
Ft. Madison – Holy Trinity	August 24	August 10	August 9
Iowa City – Regina	August 24	August 10	August 9

**Arrival Date – can be 30 days prior to the start of school. When you come into the U.S. and arrive at your host family home, quarantine starts the next day.*

If you have any questions please contact me so I can assist you.

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