Consulates continue a “phased resumption of visa services”, depending on local conditions

The State Department is continuing their "phased resumption of routine visa services." [1] Visa services available at individual embassies and consulates will vary depending on local conditions.

If you plan to enter or re-enter the United States, the International Center encourages you to review the State Department’s announcement [1] and the accompanying FAQSs, and to monitor the website of the embassy or consulate where you plan to apply for your visa. Remember that even if visa issuance has resumed at your consulate, there may be significant delays due to backlogs and new physical distancing protocols at embassies and consulates. We advise you to research your local consulate immediately and make an appointment if possible.

Many travel restrictions [2] are still in effect, and it is not known when they will be lifted or what other travel restrictions might be imposed. Note that since July 22, 2020, students from the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, and Ireland have been able to enter the U.S. on F-1 visas in spite of the travel restrictions, but it is always possible that this could change.

The International Center will continue to monitor these government announcements and will post updated information when it is available.

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