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Coronavirus and Summary of Proclamations of Suspension of Entry to the U.S., 3/11/20 & 3/14/20

On the evening of March 11th, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, announced a new measure intended to limit the spread of COVID-19, the novel flu-like virus which has spread around the globe in recent months.

The new restriction further limits travel into the U.S. from infected regions, and now includes a ban on entry into the U.S. from the Schengen Area, which comprises 26 countries in Europe. On March 14th, Ireland and the United Kingdom were added to the list. The full details of the travel restrictions can be found here:

1. Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus

Previous Proclamations restricting travel from other areas of the world are still in effect.

What does the latest measure mean?

The March 11th Proclamation suspends the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United State. The edict does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.

In light of this, the ISSO offers the following recommendations:

Carefully consider your international travel plans. The International Student and Scholar Office urges all international students and scholars to think carefully before committing or arranging for overseas travel to avoid any complications upon returning to the United States.

If you are an impacted traveler and cannot enter the United States, contact your Host Department or the ISSO immediately. The International Student and Scholar Office may need to take immediate action regarding your potential visit and visa status. The following resources/weblinks provide helpful information:

1. The U.S. Department of State
2. U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3. NAFSA Coronavirus Resources
4. Latest Coronavirus Immigration Restrictions & News