

Hello International Student,

As you already know, from previous emails from our University President and from our office, there are no known cases of Coronavirus (Covid-19) on our campus at this time. However, in an abundance of caution, the university is switching to online classes, and most university offices will be working remotely. We here in the Office of International Services & Engagement, are reaching out to you to answer any questions that you might have, and to assist you the best that we can.

If you are returning to your home country, and already have a signature on Page 2 of your *Continued Attendance* I-20, that signature is valid for 1 year. If you have any doubts whether the signature is valid please email us with a copy of Pages 1 & 2, and we can check your record in SEVIS to make sure that everything is fine. If you are out of the country for more than 5 months, we can let you know approximately 6 weeks before your intended return, if your I-20 is still valid and/or if we'll need to issue you a new one, that we can ship to you.

As long as you stay enrolled in your classes, we'll communicate that information to SEVP, and you can remain in the U.S., or return to your home country to continue with your classes. Make sure that you stay in touch with your professors, your academic advisors, and our office, so that we all know how to best assist you during this transition. Also, please make sure to check your emails, since that is the main way that our office and the rest of university will be communicating with you.

If you are currently living in university housing, and will not be returning to your home country, make sure that you communicate with our housing department so that they can best assist you with your living situation if you decide to remain here in the U.S. and need assistance, their email is: housing@laverne.edu

If you're sure that you don't have a travel signature (within the past year) on your I-20, and you need one, please email us so that we can best assist you. If you return home, and realize that don't have a travel signature, you can always order shipping later, and we can ship a document to you with a fresh signature.

Because the university is switching to remote operations, this is the best email address to communicate with us, and we will respond to emails in the order received. Please know that we are experiencing very high volume at this time, and though there might be a slight delay, we will respond to your email as quickly as possible. The best address to email our office is: oiss@laverne.edu

Many of your questions might also be answered on the university website, which is being updated daily with the most current information on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and includes links to the CDC and other important organizations that are monitoring the current situation. <https://laverne.edu/health/coronavirus/>

You are a valued part of our university community, and our office is here to assist you however we can during these unprecedented times. Please be safe, healthy, and take good care of yourselves. We look forward to seeing all of you again as soon as this difficult time has passed.

Best Regards,
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