

The Global Glance

A Monthly Update from the Office of Global Engagement
November 2021



Highlighted Event - this week

UNMC International Week

UNMC International Week, which began Sat., Nov. 13, and will run through Fri., Nov. 19, is being held to celebrate the international diversity on our campus. UNMC faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. RSVPs are needed for most events.

Activities include Diwali Night, an intercultural awareness workshop, cultural linguistics, a ping-pong tournament, culture expo and office of global engagement open house, and an international movie night. Attendees need to register for most events.

Click [here](#) for the schedule and details on these events and also to register.

International Week is coordinated by UNMC International Student Association and sponsored by the Office of Global Engagement.

If you have questions, please email global@unmc.edu.



Visa/Immigration

Processing times for change to or extension of H-4 visa status

Processing times for applications to change family dependents of H-1b workers to H-4 have decreased during the past six months while H-1b processing times have increased substantially. Currently, I-539 applications, used for changing to or extending H-4 visa status, have seen processing times decrease from more than one year to approximately five months, if submitted prior to May 2021. I-539 applications submitted together with H-1b applications after May 1, have been pending for six months and counting. Family members with H-4 Visa status can apply for a work permit, known as an EAD, if their H-1b spouse is the beneficiary of an approved I-140 application.

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International Visitor/Scholar

Normal processing resumed for non-clinical international visitors

On December 1, the Office of Global Engagement will resume normal processing of non-clinical international visitors. A waiver will no longer be required to be filed with the international visitor registration. The international visitor registration form will move to an online process utilizing iGlobal, the University of Nebraska's international participant management system. More information about this process will be provided in the coming weeks.

Please note that clinical international visitors remain prohibited, with no waiver available, until further notice.

All international visitors are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to arrival. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

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Travel Related Updates

COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements for travelers entering the U.S.

A new CDC order took effect on November 8, changing the entry requirements for all travelers entering the United States. This replaces the earlier order which restricted travel from several areas, including Brazil, China, and the European Union. Of note, all non-U.S. citizen non-U.S. immigrants are required to provide [proof of vaccination](#) for COVID-19 unless they qualify for an exemption. Please take some time to review the new requirements, both for [air travel](#) and for [land/sea travel](#), especially if you are a frequent international traveler. Incoming international students for the Spring 2021 semester, as well as current international students, will receive an email in the coming days on how to comply with these requirements, including COVID-19 testing after arrival in Omaha from outside the U.S.

If you have any questions regarding the new entry requirements, please email globalsupport@unmc.edu.

Travel insurance

Effective September 1, 2020, travel insurance for NU faculty, staff, and students will be provided through AIG. This coverage is for international travel, as well as for travel to Alaska and Hawaii. Full details regarding the AIG travel insurance can be found [here](#).

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