Academic Colleagues,

We are writing to update you on new U.S. entry requirements effective today, December 6, 2021. The U.S. government requires all airline passengers entering the United States (including U.S. citizens and Legal Permanent Residents) to present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within one day of departure or proof of recovery from the virus within the last 90 days if fully vaccinated.

- In response to the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the Biden Administration will require all inbound international airline passengers ages 2 and older - regardless of citizenship or vaccination status - to submit a negative COVID-19 test taken within 1 calendar day of travel in order to board their flight.
- The new requirement will replace the existing policy that requires fully vaccinated passengers to submit a pre-departure COVID-19 test taken within 3 days of travel to the United States.
- As under the current policy, in place of the COVID-19 test, passengers may submit evidence of recovery from COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- The policy will take effect for flights departing at or after 12:01 am EST on December 6, 2021.

For more information, visit the CDC website. International scholars and faculty should check with their airline regarding any questions they might have regarding the new requirement.

Please reach out to your newly arriving international scholars and faculty and alert them to the new requirements.

Please visit isss.umd.edu for more information. If you have any questions, please contact an ISSS Faculty/Scholar Advisor.

Sincerely,
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