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ISSS MODIFIED OPERATIONS

Please note the following operational modifications will take effect Monday, May 8, 2023, through Friday, July 28, 2023:

Modified times for Quick Question Advising (QQA) with ISSS Advisors

Offered from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

These advising sessions will be 15 minutes or less so that staff can help as many students as possible who may have simple questions they want addressed quickly. For longer questions, students may schedule an in-person appointment with an International Student Adviser.

ISSS Business hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am – 5:00pm, and Fridays 8:30am-12:00pm (remote service only on Fridays). The office is closed on Wednesdays for processing and team meetings. Please refer to our [Advising Services](#) webpage to join QQA or to book an appointment.

SUMMER TRAVEL

As the spring semester ends, we understand some of you may be considering domestic or international travel. As always, we would like to advise all our students to exercise caution and review the [Travel and Visa Information webpage](#) for further detailed travel guidance, resources, and tips.

Remember to get a [TRAVEL SIGNATURE](#) if you need one. The travel signature on the I-20 or DS-2019 is valid for 12 months (6 months for students on OPT) and confirms that the student is in valid legal status and eligible to return to the United States to resume their programs. For more information and recommendations for international travel, visit the ISSS website page on [Preparing for International Travel](#).

Students graduating in May 2023 should also be aware that you must be physically present in the U.S. to apply for work authorization after graduation, called [Optional Practical Training](#). If you are not in the U.S. at the time of submitting your application, you cannot apply for OPT.

If you have any questions or concerns about traveling during the summer recess, please [contact an ISSS adviser](#).

GRADUATING

ISSS would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates! Now that you have finished your program, please be sure to review our [graduating students page](#) for important guidance on your next steps. Please note that we do not recommend traveling outside the U.S. if you have already completed your degree requirements and plan to re-enter the U.S. in your current status. If you have questions about traveling during your grace period, please visit our [advising services page](#) and consult with an international student adviser.

Sincerely,

Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

<https://global.rutgers.edu/>

This periodic update from the Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office provides you with important information regarding your legal status, upcoming programs, and useful resources. Previous updates can be found on our [Email Notices page](#).

These notices are automatically sent to all nonimmigrant students enrolled at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers–Biomedical and Health Sciences. Most messages, however, apply only to F-1 and J-1 students. We label most messages to facilitate your identification of which messages may apply to you personally. All F-1 and J-1 students on Rutgers' visa sponsorships must know the information provided in these notices and follow reminders and instructions that apply to their own situations.

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