To: Customs and Border Patrol Officer

Re: Rutgers University Operating Status for Spring 2022

This letter is to provide clarity with regards to Rutgers University’s operating status for the spring 2022 semester and associated compliance matters for our F-1 and J-1 students.

On January 4, 2022 the university announced that in-person classes and associated services will temporarily convert to remote classes from the beginning of the semester (January 18, 2022) through Sunday, January 30, 2022. In-person functions will resume on January 31, 2022. Students with January 18, 2022 program start dates are eligible to arrive at Rutgers and attend their classes in their administered format with the expectation that in-person classes temporarily held remotely will resume in-person instruction beginning January 31, 2022. Because of this short-term notice and brief period of primarily remote instruction, Rutgers expects students may delay their arrival to the United States to closer to the start of in-person instruction. As such, Rutgers supports the admission of F-1 and J-1 students with initial SEVIS records and program start dates of 01/18/2022 who may arrive after that program start date. Similarly for F-1 and J-1 students with active SEVIS records, we support their admission beyond the session start date of 01/18/2022 as these students may work individually with their academic units to identify an appropriate arrival date to resume in-person instruction. Our Designated School Officials will continue to work closely with our international students to ensure compliance with federal regulations related to their F-1 or J-1 status.

If there are questions or concerns regarding a student’s legal status or eligibility to attend Rutgers, please contact our office at ISSS-Students@global.rutgers.edu or 848-932-7015.

Regards,

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