

COVID-19 Travel Guidelines for International Postdocs, Employees, and Graduate Students

MCW follows the CDC's protocols. This link contains the current guidelines for traveling to the US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-air-travel.html>

Deanna Luo, is the staff member for immigration visa sponsorship and applications for MCW. She should have sent you more detailed information. If you haven't heard from her or have more questions her email address is: dluo@mcw.edu. Following are the information that she will send to our visiting scholars prior to their international travel:

1. Prior to travelling to the U.S., **proof of negative COVID-19 test or recovery from COVID-19 will be required based upon a new order from CDC. You will need to get tested no more than 3 days before you travel by air into the United States (US) and show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight or be prepared to show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).**
2. Quarantine upon arrival will be required. State and local recommendations and requirements for quarantine after travel varies. You will be advised when you arrive at the airport.
3. After 10 days arrival please contact local SSA (social security administration) office to schedule an appointment for obtaining your SSN (social security number). Please note SSN will be required to place you on MCW payroll system to be able to get paid. Due to the payroll tax withholding reporting issue, SSN is considered a required document for you to start the employment with MCW.
4. Please schedule an appointment with HR/Immigration to obtain the J-1 orientation as soon as your quarantine ends. J-1 visa orientation is required by DOS to validate your legal stay in the U.S.