

## SCS TODAY: July 8, 2020

[A late-day M-W-F update from the SCS Dean's Office]

Today, I want to follow up briefly to yesterday evening's [email from CMU Provost Jim Garrett regarding the abrupt and disturbing announcement from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)'s Student and Exchange Visitor Program \(SEVP\)](#). First, let me say that I know this announcement has a devastating effect on our international students, on their lives, on their hopes and on their health. It is beyond disruptive and it reflects a cruel disregard for individuals. I assure you that SCS—all of its faculty and staff—will do everything possible to protect international students.

With CMU adopting a hybrid model for education this fall, our aim is for every program in SCS to have in-person components that are deemed essential for the learning experience, so that all students are in compliance with the SEVP directive. Simply, we do not intend to offer any of our programs fully online for the entire semester (only after Thanksgiving).

In addition to classes, the SEVP note raised concerns about Ph.D. students signed up only for research units. CMU's Office of International Education (OIE)'s guidance is that if students are engaged in research on campus related to their research units, it would be considered "in person."

There are, of course, many ambiguities remaining in the SEVP directive and we will convey updates from OIE as they get resolved. OIE provides the best and most current information and answers to frequently asked questions. Here are some links:

— SEVP Guidance for Fall 2020 and CMU Impacts:

<https://www.cmu.edu/oie/news-and-events/2019-2020/july-2020/fall2020sevpguidance.html>

— U.S. ICE's Frequently Asked Questions for SEVP Stakeholders about Guidance for the Fall 2020 Semester:

[https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevisFall2020\\_FAQ.pdf](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/sevisFall2020_FAQ.pdf)

— CMU Office of International Education's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

<https://www.cmu.edu/oie/faq/covidfaqs.html>

Until Friday,  
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*Connect with a Dean's Advisory Committee if you have questions or concerns you want to share: <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/advisory-committees/>*

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