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The purpose of the Exchange Visitor (EV) Program is to provide visitors to the U.S. with an opportunity to participate in educational and cultural programs and to share their experiences upon their return home, as well as to encourage Americans to participate in educational and cultural programs in their country.
Did you know...

Your I-94 arrival/departure record is evidence that you have been admitted to the United States in “J-1 status”. The I-94 identifies the date and class (J-1) of your admission to the US, as well as the expiration date of your period of authorized stay. For EVs on a J-1 visa, the period of authorized stay is duration of status, also known as D/S, which is "stamped" on your visa. You and your dependents will have a new I-94 with each new entry to the USA, so please keep all new I-94s for your records and provide a copy to the ISSS office, as this is the document that identifies that you have a legal status in the US. Please visit the official I-94 website for more information on the I-94 and how to access your most recent I-94 record.

Did you also know...

If you will end your J-1 program 15 days earlier than expected based on the program end date on your most current DS-2019, you must notify ISSS. You can do so by submitting a Shorten Program Request E-form through UAtlas. For example, if the current program end date on your DS-2019 is 06/30/2021 and you decide to leave 06/01/2021, you will need to submit the E-form because you are leaving more than 15 days earlier than expected. If you leave on 06/20/2021, you will not need to submit the E-form.

Please Note:

• The end date on your DS-2019 will be amended to match the last day of your research/teaching program, and a new DS-2019 will be issued. It is important to keep a copy of all DS-2019s in order to have record of your J-1 program; therefore, it is important to pick up your final DS-2019.
• If you end your program early, you are still eligible for a 30-day grace period. This period is not for study or research, but for travel and tourism throughout the U.S. If you depart the U.S. during or after the end of your 30-day grace period, you will not be able to re-enter the U.S. on your current J-1 visa.
COVID-19 Vaccine Information

As of March 24th, all adults in Utah are eligible to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, the University will not be receiving vaccines to distribute. The distribution will be through the county health department and local pharmacy locations.

Resources and Vaccine Locations:

You can go to any county to receive the vaccine. You are currently located in Salt Lake County. The Salt Lake County Health Department website has information available on the Vaccine and Frequently Asked Questions in multiple languages on this site. Other resources to find the vaccine near you is through the Vaccine Finder site - you can search by vaccine brand on this site – and also through the Get My Shot site. Additional information about the vaccine can be found here.

Some of the Frequently Asked Questions from the Salt Lake County Health Department site:

Q. How much does the vaccine cost?
A. There is no cost to you. If you have health insurance, your health insurance will be charged. If you do not have insurance, you will not be charged.

Q. Do I have to be a US citizen/resident?
A. No, this information is not collected. You do not have to be a US citizen or resident to get the vaccine.

Q. Can I leave right after getting my vaccination?
A. No, you need to remain at the location for 15 minutes under observation to ensure that you do not have a reaction to the vaccine.

Q. Will there be someone to assist me with the process?
A. At the location, there will be staff that will guide you through the process. There are many more questions and answers located at the Salt Lake County Health Department website.
If you love nature and want to experience the great outdoors, visit one of the 5 national parks in the state of Utah, known as the Mighty 5. The United States has a total of 61 national parks, but 5 of them are located in Utah, and all are within a ½ day drive of Salt Lake City. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity before you leave.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS...

- Update ISSS of any change in your physical address, phone number, and e-mail address within 10 calendar days of the change through UAtlas.

- Request a travel signature on your DS-2019 if you plan to depart the U.S. and return to continue your exchange program. When you submit your DS-2019 for a travel signature, we will provide a travel survey for you to complete. The travel survey lists information helpful to know to successfully re-enter the U.S.

- Maintain health insurance that meets the requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program for the entire duration of your stay as indicated by the begin date and end date listed on your DS-2019.

- Visit the ISSS website for information and resources related to your J-1 visa.