International Student and Scholar Services

STEPS TO ENSURE YOU ARE MAINTAINING YOUR LEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS:

- Keep your passport valid at least 6 months into the future.
- Don’t let your I-20 expire.
- Register for a full-time course-load each semester or turn in a Full-Time Equivalency Form if you have a valid excuse for having less than a full-time course-load.
- Follow U.S. immigration laws, and always come to ISSS if you have questions.
- Follow U.S. laws (avoid charges for drunk driving, avoid marijuana use, which is prohibited under Federal law, etc.).
- Familiarize yourself with CSU’s Student Conduct Code. A discipline case that results in suspension will jeopardize your immigration status. To read the Student Conduct Code go to: resolutioncenter.colostate.edu.
- Maintain good academic standing at CSU to avoid dismissal from the University.
- Carry copies of your valid passport, visa, and I-20 or DS-2019.
- Visit ISSS before traveling in order to obtain a valid travel signature.

CONTACT INFORMATION TO HAVE ON HAND:

- For questions related to the travel ban, contact the Office of International Programs:
  o (970) 491-5917, isss@colostate.edu, isss.colostate.edu
- **Student Legal Services** is able to offer free consultations with an immigration attorney on limited days every month. Sign up in-person.
  o sls.colostate.edu, 284 Lory Student Center
- The **CSU Police Department** is available and will be focusing policing efforts on CSU’s Principles of Community. Contact CSUPD directly if you have safety concerns.
  o (970) 491-6425, Emergency: 911
  o oeo.colostate.edu/colorado-state-university-principles-of-community-
- The **SafeWalk** program is available from dusk to dawn and provides a campus officer as a safe escort to another campus location or anywhere within a three block radius.
  o (970) 491-1155, police.colostate.edu/safe-walk
- **CSU Health Network** has counseling assistance available for students at all times:
  o (970) 491-6053, after hours: (970) 491-7111
- Students also can contact **Student Case Management** for help navigating difficult medical, mental health, behavioral, personal or family crisis, illness, or injury situations.
  o (970) 491-8051
- **CSU Employees have 24/7 access to our Employee Assistance Program:**
  o (970) 491-1527, after hours: 1-800-497-9133
- If you don’t know where to go for help, use the CSU **Tell Someone** system. You can use the system to report concerns about someone else’s well-being or mental health, or if you feel you have experienced discrimination, racism, or bias.
  o supportandsafety.colostate.edu/tellsomeone
Here is a list of some steps that you could consider taking, though they may not all be appropriate or necessary for your individual circumstances. This list is not a comprehensive list, but it better addresses how families should be prepared. This preparation will not “cure” an individual’s unlawful status and it will not prevent any possible deportation. It will give undocumented individuals and their families’ the peace of mind needed to have their affairs in order if the unthinkable were to happen.

- Sign several blank USCIS Form G-28s (attorney representation forms) so that a family member can hire an attorney to act on behalf of someone who has been detained.
- Be financially prepared to hire an attorney.
- Execute one or several Powers of Attorney, giving authority only to a well-known and trusted person who can act in your best interests if you are detained and removed.
  - Your immigration attorney will want to have one point of contact in the event you are detained.
  - That Power of Attorney should also contemplate the following:
    - Who will pick up your last check at your employer’s location?
    - Who will sell your property, including your home?
    - What will happen to all your personal belongings?
    - Who will handle all your personal accounts? Such as your electricity bill, phone bill, insurance, and other household accounts.
- Execute a Department of Motor Vehicles Power of Attorney so that a trusted person can sell or transfer title regarding the motor vehicle(s) owned by a detained person.
- Make sure that your children’s affairs are also in order. It is advisable that undocumented parents seek advice from a family law attorney.
  - Write down your intended plan for children who may be left behind. Desires for childcare in the United States should be in writing and notarized.
  - If the children are to join the parent following removal, then execute a notarized letter of permission for the children to travel outside of the United States with a named adult person.
  - Obtain United States Passports for all United States Citizen Children. List passport numbers and place a copy of the passport biography page for each child in a secure location.
  - Obtain an Apostille from your state’s Secretary of State for the birth certificates of all United States Citizen Children.
  - Obtain an Apostille from your nation’s consulate regarding the birth records of children born outside of the United States.
- Keep a copy of all prior immigration records in a secure location. Keep a copy of all tax filings in a secure location.
- Keep a copy of evidence that proves continuous residence in the United States in a secure location. Evidence should include a variety of dated documents from each year since arrival in the United States. For Example:
  - Lease Records
  - Pay Stubs
  - School Records
  - Household Bills
  - Any other document with your name and dates, proving residence
- Obtain official FBI records report for any foreign-born person who has a criminal conviction or a prior order of removal, including all border deportations.
- Interview companies that service Federal Immigration Bonds and write down the contact information for the preferred company in a secure location.

Information taken from immigrationissues.com/immigration-news/the-other-discussion-about-immigration.