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FAQ on Issues Related to Recent Executive Orders on Immigration:

Q: How will the executive order issued on January 27, 2017 impact current international students and scholar who hold lawful non-immigrant status who are from one of the seven countries (Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen)? Will they be allowed to finish the semester and then have to leave? Or will they be required to leave in the middle of the semester?

A: The executive order does not affect the immigration status for those who are already present in the United States as long as they do not depart the country. There is no current indication that the U.S. government will ask them to leave the country as long as they maintain their current immigration status. However, if students from one of the seven countries leave the United States, they will not be permitted to return for 90 days at minimum and possibly indefinitely.

Q. What happens to students and scholars that have arrived and are currently studying or working at CU Boulder that are from these countries?

A. These students and scholars continue to work and study under their current visa status. The executive order did not terminate or limit their status.

Q. Will the U.S. Department of Homeland Security try to identify and deport students or scholars and their families from these countries?

A. The executive orders do not direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to take any action including deportation against individuals currently in the United States in lawful immigration status.

Q. Can International Student & Scholar Services tell us who may be impacted by this executive order and any future ones?

A. International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) can provide information generally to the entire community about which groups of students are affected. ISSS also provides individualized advising and information to international students and scholars who may be affected. With any changes in immigration policies or rules that may affect international students and scholars visa status, ISSS sends email messages directly to those impacted and posts the information on their website as well.

The ISSS office is located in the Center for Community, S355 (3rd floor). ISSS offers drop-in advising hours Monday through Friday between 10AM and 3PM. Also, you can email ISSS at iss@colorado.edu anytime.

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 5 to 6PM in the Aspen Rooms at the UMC, ISSS will be hosting a Q & A session for international students and scholars and the campus community in regards to the recent executive order.

Q. What resources are available to international students and scholars if they are feeling stress and/or anxiety?

A. Students can utilize [on-campus counseling services](#) to talk through feelings of anxiety, loneliness, stress, or just to have someone supportive to whom they can talk. “[Feel Better Fast](#)” workshops are also available to students at no cost. Students can participate in an [International Student Tea Talk](#) to share experiences with other international students. Scholars can also reach out to the [Faculty & Staff Assistance Program](#) to set up a time to chat with a trained counselor. Student Affairs, International Student & Scholar Services, and other units are planning other events on campus to reach out to international students and scholars. Continue to check their websites and Facebook pages.

Q. What if an international student or scholar feels hurt or discriminated against?

A. The University of Colorado is fully committed to protecting any student or employee from unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, or religion. The University of Colorado Police Department will investigate any potential criminal conduct to the fullest extent of the law against any University of Colorado student or employee. To report an incident and seek assistance, the university has [resources available to you](#).