

**Broadcast Message:** Response to recent flooding in Nebraska: Impact on Your F and M Nonimmigrant Students

**To:** SEVP – certified schools in affected areas only

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**Re:** Response to recent flooding in Nebraska: Impact on Your F and M Nonimmigrant Students

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### **General Information**

Following the impact of recent flooding in Nebraska, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is requesting certain information in order to assist you and provide an accurate response to concerned families, embassies, government officials and the media. SEVP requests that all schools in the impacted region please respond to the following questions as soon as possible (no later than April 1, 2019).

1. Has your school been impacted by the flooding? If 'no,' please advise SEVP immediately via the contact information below. If 'yes,' please respond to the following questions:
  - a. Have you accounted for all F and M nonimmigrants enrolled at your school, as well as their accompanying dependents, if any?
  - b. Do you anticipate an immediate recovery that will enable your students to resume their course of study for this session? If 'no,' please provide an estimated date for when you anticipate that students can resume their course of study via the contact information below.
  - c. If the flooding's impact will preclude resumption of normal progress this session, do you have an alternate plan (e.g., instruction at another location or transfer to another school)? Please provide a brief description of your plan via the contact information below.

Submit your response by email to SEVP at [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov), attention: Nebraska Flooding. Please include additional related comments, questions and/or concerns, if any. SEVP may follow up to your response if any clarification is required. We will make every attempt to answer your questions and provide guidance.

Additionally, please feel free to share this Ready.gov resource on flooding with students:

<https://www.ready.gov/floods>.

Below is guidance to help you and your international students know what to do if the flooding has impacted your school and its operations:

### **What Your F and M International Students Should Do:**

- F and M international students and their accompanying dependents, if any, should follow the instructions of state, local and tribal officials, including any instructions to shelter in place or evacuate, if needed.

- If ordered to evacuate, students should not return until they are told by local officials that it is safe to do so.
- International students must remain in contact with you and inform you of their emergency plans, including whether they have been ordered to evacuate.
- International students must also continue to [take all necessary actions to maintain their student status](#), to the extent possible under the circumstances, including keeping necessary documents in a safe, secure place and hand-carrying them should they need to evacuate.

### **What You Should Do:**

- Remind international students that they should remain in contact with you and have emergency contact information on hand, including a number where they can reach you after business hours and your email address.
- Ensure international students understand that they must [take all necessary actions to maintain their student status](#), to the extent possible under circumstances.
- Promote [campus resilience](#) by sharing your school's available emergency resources with your international students.
- Encourage international students to sign up for messaging alert systems for emergency notifications from campus police or local law enforcement. These messages can help them keep informed on emergency response plans in the area.

Should you or your international students have questions, remember that you can contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800 892 4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, except on federal holidays. However, **in the case of an emergency or life-threatening situation, please contact local law enforcement or officials.**

SEVP wishes all those who have been impacted a speedy recovery.

### **Comments**

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