

## **Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVIS Alpha Testing Environment Updates**

**To:** All SEVIS Users

**Date:** Nov. 29, 2019

**Re:** SEVIS Alpha Testing Environment Updates

**Number:** 1912-02

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### **General Information**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Alpha Testing environment to apply the changes for SEVIS Release 6.51, tentatively scheduled for implementation to the Production environment on Feb. 28, 2020. This date is subject to change.

This message provides notification to all SEVIS batch users that SEVP will post an updated SEVIS Release 6.51 batch System Changes document, updated batch schema and updated batch API (including the lookup tables) on the SEVP's website on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019.

The upgrades to the Alpha Testing environment will require an outage. See below for the outage details:

The SEVIS Alpha Testing environment will NOT be available on Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, from 1 p.m. ET to 5 p.m. ET.

During the outage, users will not have access to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment. SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability.

SEVP will continually update the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment, while completing the development of additional functionality. Please continue to monitor the SEVP broadcast messages and the SEVIS message board for additional information regarding updates to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment.

We will send out information concerning the final system changes and the scheduled outage before the official implementation date. If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice or about the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment, please contact the SEVIS Technical Feedback Team at [SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov). For any technical questions regarding the batch updates, please contact SEVIS batch at [SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov).

If you have questions regarding this outage, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

### **Comments**

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