

June 5, 2020

Dear Friends of International Students,

We are writing to you because your host student(s) received special permission to stay on campus this summer.

- At this time, around 25 students remain on campus. They will move to College housing equipped with kitchen facilities and will prepare their own meals since we will not offer dining services in the summer.
- Almost all campus offices remain closed, with staff continuing to work remotely this summer. Students can connect via Zoom.
- For medical services, students are being directed to off-campus healthcare providers (PMC Express Care or Porter Medical Center—Emergency Room), if needed.
- By June 22, Middlebury is expected to announce its plan for Fall 2020. At that time, more students may decide to depart campus. For those who wish to return home (if travel restrictions are loosened), the College will assist students with travel arrangements, based on their financial need.

As we indicated in prior emails, we know you may be eager to support your student(s)—so we offer these important reminders:

- Students **must reside in their rooms continuously to retain their ability to stay in campus housing.**
(Please note: If a student leaves campus and sleeps elsewhere, they are not allowed to return to their lodging on campus. This is to protect the student and the on-campus community.)
- **Students have been advised that off-campus day trips within the town of Middlebury are acceptable**, but overnights and other off-campus travel are not permitted. If students must travel farther away, it is essential that they work with their Dean, in advance, to devise a plan.
- **Visitors are still not permitted on campus with the exception of essential business partners. Host families cannot visit students on campus.** Again, this is to help us sustain a safe living environment for our students.
 - We encourage you to continue supporting your student(s) via letters, phone calls, texts or video conferencing.
 - You could also meet up for a walk together or an outdoor lunch, for example, making sure to follow social distancing guidelines and abiding by the VT Governor’s “stay home, stay safe” [guidelines](#) (outdoor activity—remain 6-ft apart) and the updated [“restart/reopen” guidance](#).
- **If you would like to provide further support**, you might consider sending your student(s) a Visa or store gift card so they can shop for food or other supplies on their own.

We encourage you to stay up-to-date on the College’s COVID-19 response and the State of Vermont’s guidance. Find the latest news here:

- General campus announcements: <http://go.middlebury.edu/covid19>
- ISSS FAQ page: <http://www.middlebury.edu/international/iss/iss-covid-19-faq> (last updated 3/26/2020)
- State of Vermont guidance: <https://governor.vermont.gov/covid19response>

Thank you for the kindness and support you provide to your student(s). As always, if you have any questions, please email iss@middlebury.edu or call 802-443-5858.

Best wishes for continued good health throughout the summer months.

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