



Dear International Students & Scholars,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I write to follow up on the University messages sent last week regarding Spring 2022 semester. As you know, we had to pivot to online instruction for January 2022, and we requested that students delay their returns to campus in order to reduce the public health and public service burden on the University and the local community of Rochester. We appreciate your understanding of the challenges inherent in this pivot and your adaptiveness.

I understand the challenges of international travel, which are heightened amidst the pandemic, and I want to highlight a few elements of the most recent [message sent by President Mangelsdorf and Provost Peyre on January 6](#) in order to help you plan your return to campus:

That message indicated that “[w]e expect instruction to continue online until January 31 for Eastman School of Music, Simon Business School, Warner School of Education, AS&E, and School of Medicine and Dentistry graduate education.” If you are pursuing a degree program or training in one of these schools/programs, Global Engagement recommends that you make plans to return to campus for in-person instruction set to begin on January 31, 2022.

If you are in a clinical medical or dental education/ training program in SMD or EIOH or in the School of Nursing, please refer to your school deans for direction. Clinical placements and training for all schools are still occurring in person.

As a reminder, all University students are required to be fully vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) for Spring 2022. Please refer to the [University’s Covid-19 Resource Center](#) for more information about this requirement.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to keeping the University and the city of Rochester safe during this challenging time.

Please contact ISO <questions@iso.rochester.edu> with specific questions related to your visa or entry requirements.

Be well and Meliora,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Gatewood".

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