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Subject: Guidelines for international postdocs

Dear postdocs,

We hope this message finds you safe and well during these uncertain times. We at PPA Foreign National Committee recognize that recent events have evoked a lot of uncertainty and concern for many, especially for our international postdoc community. ISSS has reached out to pass along the following guidelines to help navigate these uncertain times. **If you are not an international postdoc**, please kindly forward this message with international postdocs around you, in case they are not on this mailing list.

- Carry your State ID/Driver's license and PennCard (or equivalent at affiliate institutions) at all times as proof of your identity.

- Keep an up-to-date digital copy of your passport (especially ID page and visa page), I-94, and DS-2019 or I-20 or I-797A on your phone.

    o You can download your I-94 here: https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/home.

- Save the Penn Division of Public Safety (https://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu) number on your phone in case you are stopped by law enforcement: 215-573-3333 or 511 on campus phone.

- Penn's research funding is sound at the moment. Nonetheless, if you plan to change your visa status or if your status is ending soon, inform your department at least 6 months prior to the end of your current visa status so your department has ample time to work on your case.

- Limit international travel. If you must travel, be sure to plan before leaving.

ISSS will reach out with more information as it becomes available in the coming weeks. If you have not been receiving newsletters from ISSS, you can sign up at the bottom of their webpage: https://global.upenn.edu/isss. If you have any pressing issues, please contact your ISSS advisor.

Please take care of yourself and those around you. Please know that you are not alone, we're in this together.

Best wishes,
PPA Foreign National Committee

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