

To: **U.S. Embassy or Consulate, U.S. Department of State OR
U.S. Port of Entry, Customs and Border Protection**

Dear Officer,

This letter confirms that the **University of Connecticut** will operate on an in-person basis for Spring 2022 semester, which begins on January 18, 2022. However, in light of the current conditions, the University has decided to offer the first two weeks of classes remotely, and resume in-person classes on January 31st, 2022. We have reported this update to DHS as part of our campus operations plan.

The University authorizes international students to arrive late for the start of the Spring 2022 semester, up to January 31, 2022. We do not have the capacity to update student or exchange visitor I-20 or DS-2019 program start dates due to this change. All students will have arrived and reported to the University before the deadline to register students in SEVIS. International students will still be required to travel in person to the U.S. to complete their in-person course obligations.

We ask your consideration to allow our student or exchange visitor, who holds a valid Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, to obtain a visa and enter the U.S. as an F-1 student or a J-1 exchange visitor at UConn.

For visiting scholars, the University is only sponsoring J-1 exchange visitor visas for individuals whose exchange program activity require in-person presence at the University. Therefore, if an exchange visitor presents a DS-2019 form for spring 2022 semester, we have verified that they are coming to conduct an in-person exchange program.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and if you require any further information please contact me at Rae Alexander, rae.alexander@uconn.edu, 860-486-3855.

Sincerely,



Rae Alexander
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PDSO/RO for SEVIS