

DATE: March 31, 2020

SUBJECT: Travel Plan Complications/Embassy Outreach

Dear Sponsors -

In the time since last Friday's Sponsor Call we've received emails asking what should sponsors should do if exchange visitors want to return home, but their travel plans are complicated by a lack of commercially available scheduled commercial flights or their countries currently prohibit all inbound travel?

Given the uncertainty caused by the lack of available flights and ongoing travel restrictions, Private Sector Exchange strongly recommends that sponsors ask their exchange visitors to proactively reach out to their respective embassies or closest consulate if they are unable to book return flights home. A growing number of embassies are posting special communications on their websites and social media for their exchange visitors (students and others) in order to contact them.

If you have not already done so, we highly encourage you to ask your exchange visitors to check in with their respective embassy in the United States. It remains important that exchange visitors keep their U.S. sponsors notified of all travel plans.

We appreciate your time and efforts during this time and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Office of Private Sector Exchange