

DECEMBER 2020, SPECIAL EDITION



ISSO

WINTER BREAK NEWSLETTER



THE ISSO IS PROVIDING ALL SERVICES REMOTELY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT [CLARK'S COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE](#), INCLUDING THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OFFICES ARE CLOSED, YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL TO ISSO@CLARKU.EDU



**TRAVELING
OVER
WINTER
BREAK?**


**DO YOU
NEED TO
GET TO
THE
AIRPORT?**

**DO YOU
NEED A
PROGRAM
EXTENSION?**

Please READ THIS if you are planning to **travel this break!** Don't forget to have your 1-20 signed! If you are an F-1 student who has an 1-20 signature earlier than May 1st, 2020.

Submit a request through the ISSO Portal by selecting "1-20 Reprint Request" Fill out the information requested on the portal. Once it has been signed, we will send you an email that it is ready to be printed out. Print out your 1-20 and have it on hand while traveling.

Continue to monitor your email for information regarding travel. Please submit this request preferably a week before you travel so that the staff can sign it and send it to you via the portal. Signatures usually take 2 full days so please plan ahead!

 To request **free airport transportation** please fill out the following form!
Airports included: Worcester, Boston, Providence, Hartford, JFK in New York.
Please give as much time as possible when requesting transportation, but no less than 72 hours.

<https://forms.gle/YurqPKkw8wNvBiF49>

If your 1-20 expires on 12/31/2020, but you will not finish, you need to extend your program to keep your status. **Program extension** forms can be found on your ISSO student portal. **Deadline for submission is December 15th.** Administrative offices will be closed for break from December 24th, 2020 to January 1st, 2021.

For more information email:

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ARE YOU STAYING IN WORCESTER?

FOOD SECURITY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Clark University Sustainability Action has been working on food insecurity solutions at Clark. For more information about pantries, soup kitchens, and low-cost food options please check out the article "[A Guide to Food Resources: Clark Sustainability Action Addresses the Student Food Insecurity at Clark University.](#)"

Ujima Food Pantry provides to international students struggling with financial and food insecurity issues due to the pandemic. The founder of the program, Imrana Soofi, realized this critical need as many international students lost their on-campus jobs and could not find paid work off-campus.

The Ujima Food Pantry aims to provide relief to international students through the FREE food boxes we prepare weekly and deliver to international students in need with our volunteers' help. The food boxes, whose contents vary by season, contain a variety of vegetables, fruits, and bread. Students can sign up for the food boxes here: <https://tinyurl.com/Ujima-FoodBox-SignUp> and can sign up to volunteer here: <https://tinyurl.com/Ujima-Volunteer-SignUp>.

For more information, call Hoideikim Hangshing at +1(917) 535-9527, or email HHangshing@clarku.edu

REMEMBER GET TESTED

DURING THE WINTER INTERSESSION, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO ACCESS THE CAMPUS NEED TO GET TESTED EVERY WEEK. TESTING WILL BE DONE IN THE GRACE AND LURIE ROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER. YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR ARRIVAL OR SUBSEQUENT TESTS ONLINE.

The testing facility will be open Nov. 23, 2020, through Feb. 17, 2021, on these days:

Monday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding Dec. 24, and Dec. 31)

POTENTIAL TESTING SITES

LABS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR TESTING SUCH AS THE IGM TEST

Tristan Medical

465 S. Washington Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760

508-316-0725

<https://www.tristanmedical.info/>

Arc Point Labs

400 West Cummings Park #3400, Woburn, MA 01801

781-460-6020

<https://www.arcpointlabs.com/woburn/covid-testing-options/>

ARC Point Labs of Southboro-Framingham

352 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772

508-281-0501

<https://www.arcpointlabs.com/southborough-framingham/covid-testing-options/>

Surveillance testing is a cornerstone of our Healthy Clark Covid Plan. Clark University is following a rigorous testing protocol for students, faculty, and staff.

For more information visit

www.clarku.edu/covid-19-testing/

PEER MENTOR OFFICE HOURS

Have a question? Want to chat? Join your ALCI Peer Mentors and drop in for as little or as long as you'd like within the hour.

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WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES

JOIN ZOOM MEETING_
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DEC 9&16
3:00 PM

catch up with old friends and new as we spend an hour to chat and share about what our plans are for Winter Break



ALCI
COFFEE
HOUR

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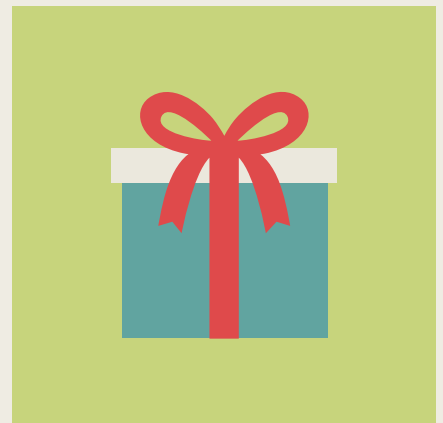
ISSO Office Hours

WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
FROM DECEMBER 17TH
THROUGH JANUARY 3RD

ISSO WILL BE SENDING MORE
INFO ABOUT HOW TO REACH
THE OFFICE



WE WISH YOU A
RESTFUL WINTER
BREAK AND SAFE
TRAVELS SHOULD
YOU CHOSE
TO DO SO



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND
SCHOLARS OFFICE (ISSO)
CLARK UNIVERSITY