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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of State announced some flexibilities permitting J-1 scholars to conduct their program activities remotely on a limited basis to protect the health and well-being of Exchange Visitors in the US. These flexibilities were scheduled to end on June 30, 2023.

Now that the US government has officially declared an end to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Department of State has announced updated guidance regarding remote program participation for J-1 scholars. Effective July 1, 2023, J-1 scholars are permitted to conduct their J-1 program activities **“remotely no more than 40% of the time (e.g. two days out of five).”** If a J-1 scholar will conduct any activities remotely, their **host department is expected to monitor** the exchange visitor’s program to ensure that they have the resources they need, adequate supervision, and that their program objectives and cultural requirements are being met.

Additionally, any location where a J-1 scholar will conduct their J-1 activities is considered a **“site of activity” (including their home if working from home)** and **must be reported to the US Government** in the scholar’s SEVIS record. To officially report their home address as a site of activity, a J-1 scholar can log into [ISSS Link](#) and complete the *Telecommuting Schedule for Emory Scholars* e-form.

As a reminder, J-1 scholars are limited to a maximum of two sites of activity at any given time. If there are any questions regarding this updated policy, please contact [your ISSS advisor](#).

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