Maintaining Your Immigration Status

Very important stuff, and thankfully Cornell has a pretty well laid out resource, as well as a very helpful & responsive department for this.

Maintaining your status (general)

https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/maintaining-your-status

[relevant screenshot]



Things to know when you travel

https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/travel

Remember that you need a valid travel signature in your I-20 (for F1 visa) or DS-2019 (for J1 visa). It is only valid for 1 year so you have to renew this every year.

Other travel documents that are good to bring just in case are explained in the link above.



Other resources & getting help

International Services at the Office of Global Learning cover a lot of immigration related affairs.

https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/

You can also get advice from their expert staff by appointment (inperson or Zoom), Email and Phone. You have to schedule appointments in advance (1-2 weeks usually). For emails, from my experience, they respond really fast if your situation is urgent. For phone, sometimes they don't pick up immediately, but I have had an experience when I dropped a voicemail explaining my urgent situation and they called me back fast.