

30 December 2021

Dear <<Name>>,

We hope your winter break is going well, and we look forward to your return to campus. By now, you should have received [President Fenves' message](#) about revised plans for spring semester, followed by the [Emory Forward message](#) with operational details.

In keeping with Emory's commitment to the health and safety of the entire campus community, return-to-campus plans have been updated in response to the nationwide COVID-19 Omicron surge. Although campus will open Jan. 4, spring semester will begin with remote classes. In-person learning will resume Jan. 31, health safety conditions permitting.

While residential students are not required to change their move-in plans and may return to campus throughout the remote period, all are encouraged to delay their return to campus if they are able to do so, to help reduce on-campus density during the surge.

To assist with operations during this period, residential students assigned to the Atlanta campus must access their [MyHousing portal](#) to input their anticipated date of return to campus. Current Clairmont Campus residents do not need to complete the form. Students who were approved for early arrival on campus should indicate a new arrival date if their plans have changed.

If you do not let us know of your return to campus plans, access to your residence hall will be turned on beginning January 27.

As you make your decisions for January, please keep in mind that the on-campus experience will be very different during this period, including limited activities, fewer co-curricular events, modified grab-and-go dining, and changes to isolation and quarantine protocols.

Spring Move-in for New Residents

Students who are new to the Atlanta or Clairmont campus for spring 2022 will receive additional detailed check-in information via their Emory email the week of Jan. 2.

COVID protocols

- Mask-wearing is required in all indoor spaces, except private rooms and offices. This includes residence hall common spaces, recreation facilities, and dining facilities (while in line, picking up boxed meals, etc.).
- All students must complete a PCR test 48 hours or antigen test (includes at-home tests) 24 hours before returning to campus. You must receive a negative test and complete the attestation form on the [Emory Forward testing page](#) before moving into the residence halls. Please note that if you use the on-campus screening testing, you may not be on campus while you wait for your results.
- In addition to re-entry testing, unvaccinated students must complete a COVID-19 screening test within 24 hours of moving into a residence hall. All unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff are required to continue participating in weekly COVID-19 screening testing. If you are not on campus during a given week(s), you must complete a [testing exemption form](#).
- Residential students who are COVID-19-positive and exhibit mild to no symptoms will isolate-in-place in their on-campus residences.

- Per recently announced [CDC guidelines](#), isolation will be reduced to five days if the individual is asymptomatic, followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others.
- Emory Conference Center Hotel (ECCH) will continue to operate as an isolation location for residential students who are moderately or severely symptomatic or high-risk, requiring enhanced medical and support services.
- Please take advantage of [free COVID screening testing](#) on campus.
- As a reminder, all campus members are required to [receive and document a COVID-19 booster](#) by January 19.
- For up-to-date information on campus COVID protocols, please consult the [Emory Forward website](#). Additional information is also available on the [Student Health Services website](#).

Dining Updates

Dining operations will be modified as follows to help sustain campus operations during the remote period.

- All Campus Dining locations that remain open will be take-out service only; no dine-in or eating on-site will be available.
- Dobbs Common Table (DCT) will continue to be restricted to students enrolled in a campus meal plan. DCT menus will be modified to help minimize potential delays, although students should expect and plan for longer lines and longer-than-usual wait times.
- Retail dining locations (those other than DCT) will be closed or have modified menus and hours of operation. Updated service hours will be available at [dining.emory.edu](#).
- Meal exchange (using meal swipes) will continue to be available at Rays at Woodruff Residential, the SAAC on the Clairmont Campus, and Eagle Emporium in the Emory Student Center.
- Campus Dining will continue to accommodate students with special dietary needs although variety and selection will be limited.
- For students in quarantine/isolation in their own rooms, boxed meals will be delivered to several drop-off locations across campus. Students will receive additional information about how they can safely pick up these meals.
- For the most up-to-date information, visit the [Emory Dining website](#).

Campus Activities and Additional Information

- Campus is currently in [orange operating status](#).
- Most events are being rescheduled until we can all safely return to campus.
- Panhellenic recruitment will be virtual, starting Friday, Jan. 7.
- Club and intramural sports will be postponed through January.
- Although spectators may not attend sporting events at this time, please support the Emory Eagles in intercollegiate athletic competition by watching live game play on [emoryathletics.com](#).
- Textbooks and course materials may be ordered online through the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Emory, via [www.shopemory.com](#). Textbooks may be picked up in store or shipped to you.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy campus environment for the entire Emory community. We look forward to seeing you when you arrive on campus.

Sincerely,

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