

June 22, 2020

Dear Students,

As Emory University continues to plan for a safe and healthy fall 2020 semester, Residence Life, Housing Operations, and Campus Dining are committed to providing an on-campus residential experience that supports the academic mission of the University, while following the health and safety recommendations and guidelines of healthcare and public health professionals. We know that the campus will undoubtedly be different in the fall; still, student leaders, faculty, and staff are working tirelessly to provide as enriching and engaging an experience as possible.

To help you plan for reopening in the fall, we are writing to share our preliminary plans and changes to our housing and campus dining programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESIDENCE LIFE AND HOUSING OPERATIONS:

- Students living on campus will be screened by Emory University by **testing** for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, prior to moving into their fall housing assignment.
- We anticipate student move-in beginning approximately one week before **classes start on August 19** and occurring over several days to accommodate **physical distancing and testing**. Students will receive additional instructions on move-in times in the coming weeks.
- Residents will be required to wear **face coverings** in all residential common areas.
- A maximum of two students per bedroom, or four to six students per apartment or suite, will be applied without exception.
- Students may be **assigned or reassigned** by Housing Operations to reduce density, improve bathroom ratio and reduce opportunities for congregation in residence halls. As we reduce density in the residence halls as part of the assignment/reassignment process, we will try to accommodate roommate requests.
- Single rooms will be available. Students who request these rooms due to medical conditions or circumstances will be prioritized for single-room assignments.
- **During the academic year, room changes** will not be granted, except for emergencies or extenuating circumstances.
- Communal bathrooms and other high-touch, high-volume common spaces will undergo **enhanced cleaning** protocols and schedules.
- Occupancy in common spaces will be limited, based on Emory's physical distancing guidelines.
- Students will be required to sign the **COVID-19 Addendum** to the *2020-21 Housing Agreement and Residence Life and Housing Policies* for on-campus living.
- Students who no longer wish to reside on campus will be allowed to cancel their housing agreement until **August 1**. Additional information regarding the cancellation process will be provided in future communications.
- During the week of June 22, students will receive an email from Housing Operations with access to a **Housing Preference** form in their **MyHousing** portal. If you wish to request a single room or cancel your housing agreement you may indicate so on the Housing Preference form.
- Students may only be allowed into residential facilities in which they reside.

- **Quarantine and isolation** spaces will be provided for residential students who have been exposed to COVID-19 or become sick. If a student has close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19, the student will receive quarantine instructions from the university.
- For students who are isolated or quarantined, they should expect to receive a temporary room assignment where they will receive academic support, meal services (inclusive of dietary and religious needs), and support from Student Health Services. Additional details will be provided later in the summer in email communications from residence life and housing operations.
- All students are encouraged to **pack light** for the semester. Please refer to the “What to bring to campus” document on the residence life and housing website at: https://housing.emory.edu/policies/move_in/what_to_bring.html. Students will also have the opportunity to ship items to campus. Additional details will be provided later in the summer in email communications from residence life and housing operations.
- If a student lived on campus in spring 2020 and their belongings were **packed and stored** by Emory University, these items will be moved to their fall on-campus housing assignment. Unidentified or unclaimed items, or items belonging to students living off campus will be available for claim from a central location at a future date. Details will come in future communications.
- Parking Services will do their best to accommodate campus parking requests, but space may be limited. More detail on parking will be available over the next two weeks at parking.emory.edu.

CAMPUS DINING:

Emory campus dining remains committed to providing a full complement of dining choices and locations for the upcoming academic year.

- The campus community standard of **physical distancing will always be required** in campus dining facilities.
- Students will be required to **sanitize hands** before entering any campus dining location.
- **Face coverings** will always be required when not eating.
- Most dining locations will be **take-out only; dining room seating will be limited or eliminated** with occupancy based on Emory guidelines for physical distancing.
- Self-serve stations have been eliminated across campus. **All food will be either grab and go or served by staff following strict safety guidelines.**
- We remain committed to meeting the needs of all community members and will continue to offer **Halal, Kosher, made without gluten, vegan, and vegetarian options.** We will strive to offer as much variety as possible.
- **We are revising our campus meal plan requirements and offerings** for all students to provide greater flexibility. Students assigned to housing on the Clairmont Campus will not be required to enroll in a campus meal plan this year. Students who live off-campus are not required to enroll in a campus meal plan.
- To expedite service, **Dobbs Common Table (residential dining commons) and Cox Hall Food Court will have scaled-down menus and during the first few weeks of the semester may be accessible to “students only”** between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- **The Dobbs Common Table** menus will continue to be **peanut-free, tree-nut-free, and shellfish-free.**

- **Dining will offer mobile ordering for pick-up only** at locations where it is possible and practical.
- **Meal swipes may be used** in a to-go format at the Eagle Emporium in the Student Center, the SAAC, Woodruff Residential Café, as well as **other new locations** on campus.
- Dining is working to bring **additional mobile food vendors** to campus during peak lunch hours on weekdays.
- **Vending machines** on campus will **accept Dooley Dollars**.

Future communications from the Office of Housing Operations will provide additional information regarding your housing assignment/re-assignment and the move-in process for the fall 2020 semester.

Please watch your email and regularly visit <https://www.housing.emory.edu> and <https://www.emory.edu/dining> for updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Elaine Turner
Senior Director, Housing Operations

Dave Furchman
Senior Director, Campus Life Operations