January 12, 2021

Dear FirstName,

We look forward to you joining us on campus soon. This letter details Emory’s move-in process to welcome students to campus in the spring in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health guidelines. Emory’s response to COVID-19 has continued to evolve, and our staff, faculty, and administration have been working meticulously to adjust to the shifting landscape.

The campus will continue to look and feel different, and we have created a plan around housing, residence life and dining so that students can feel comfortable and secure while living on campus. As a function of this, our move-in process is designed with best practices in mind to be as flexible and efficient as possible for our students and families.

**Pre-Arrival:**

- Students who will be residing on campus for the first time this academic year will move in on **Saturday, January 23, 2021** and must complete a 7-step onboarding process prior to moving into the residence halls. This process includes registering for your COVID-19 test/move-in time.
- Please review the spring onboarding email from Emory Forward dated January 5, 2021 for additional details.
- If you have not already registered for your move-in COVID-19 test, you may do so [here](https://housing.emory.edu). If you need assistance accessing the COVID-19 scheduling site, or have an extenuating circumstance, please contact us at [housing@emory.edu](mailto:housing@emory.edu).
- Pack a separate “Go Bag” in case you test COVID-19 positive and must be in temporary isolation at the Emory Conference Center Hotel. The rest of your items will be sanitized and stored.
- Include the following items in your “Go Bag”: enough prescription medications (that will last 2 weeks), electronics and accessories (including laptop, phone, headphones, and chargers/cords), academic items and books, clothes and underwear for a week (laundry will be available), personal items (toothbrush and toothpaste, hair products, feminine products, deodorant, glasses/contacts, retainer, skin medications, etc.), and a pillow or other comfort items.
- Download and print maps, vehicle tag, and color-coded luggage tags for your assigned residence hall [here](https://housing.emory.edu).

**Things to Bring:**

- Face coverings, gloves, and sanitizing wipes, if possible. You will receive your official Emory Welcome Kit, which includes a multi-purpose carrying bag, five Emory-branded masks, thermometer, hand sanitizer (refillable), touch tool, package of wipes, mask ear saver, antimicrobial pen, and a welcome safety brochure.
- A maximum of two people to assist you with moving into your residence hall. Please note that only one “helper” can be in the building with you at a time.
- Lightly packed baggage; no more than what you can reasonably carry home or ship within 48 hours.
COVID-19 Test Procedures:

- Plan for your testing visit to last approximately 60 minutes. However, during high volume testing periods, processing time may be longer.
- Present your COVID-19 test email confirmation that you received when signing up for a time and your EmoryCard or government issued identification.
- Bring to your appointment the two documents from your confirmation email:
  - HIPAA Authorization Form
  - Consent to Test Form
- Face coverings are required to enter any of the testing locations.
- A rapid antigen test using a nasal swab (Anterior Nares) collection will be conducted.
- Results are processed on-site while you wait.
- Receive your test results:
  - **Negative COVID-19 Test:** You will receive a text message from Peachtree Immediate Care indicating you may now leave the testing area.
  - After you receive your negative result, a volunteer will provide you GPS and address directions to your residence hall location.
  - **Positive COVID-19 Test:** A representative from Peachtree Immediate Care will provide you with discharge paperwork containing guidance on next steps.
  - Residential students will receive information regarding transitioning to temporary isolation housing at the Emory Conference Center Hotel, and an assessment by Student Health Services.
  - All students have the option of returning home for their isolation period.

Move-in Process:

- Arrive at your residence hall where Emory staff will confirm that you are cleared to move into the residence halls. We will ask your helpers screening questions determined by the University.
- Our staff will also confirm you and your helpers have face coverings. If not, we will provide you with one.
- Movers will be available to unload your items, if assistance is needed. (All movers will be wearing face coverings and have gone through a screening process.) Once your car is unloaded, we will direct you/your helper to a long-term parking location.
- Staff will distribute a lanyard for one helper to enter the residence hall. Only you and the helper with a lanyard will be allowed into the residential building.
- Student staff will be available to direct you through the move-in process. All staff will abide by physical distancing guidelines and will be required to wear a face covering.
- Student staff will monitor the residence halls to ensure residents and helpers are maintaining physical distancing and wearing face coverings.

Dining on your Move-in Day:

- If you have not enrolled in a spring meal plan, you can do so within the MyHousing portal, or by emailing dining@emory.edu, by January 15, 2021.
- Your spring semester meal plan will be activated on your designated move-in day. The Dobbs Common Table in the Emory Student Center will be restricted only to students enrolled in a meal plan; please plan accordingly.
On-campus dining options for guests will be limited to Cox Hall Food Court, Kaldi’s at the Depot, and Starbucks at Oxford Road Building adjacent to the bookstore.

**Residence Life Engagement on Move-in Days:**

- Residence Life staff (both professional and student) will be available to assist on your move-in day.
- Residence Life staff will hold virtual floor meetings on your move-in day and throughout the first week of classes. These floor meetings are designed to keep you engaged, share vital information, and answer your questions.
- Residence Life staff will also hold virtual and very small in-person programs during the move-in period and the first few weeks of school.
- Programming will be offered to engage and build communities on floors and in the residence halls while observing safety guidelines.

**Your EmoryCard:**

- The EmoryCard is your official identification card and Key to the Emory Experience!
- All students who will be on campus for the first time in the spring semester are asked to upload their EmoryCard photo as soon as possible. EmoryCards will be distributed at your residence hall at move-in.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we meet these unprecedented challenges together. Have a safe and restful winter break and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,

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