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Emory continues its suspension of all sponsored international and domestic travel for students, faculty, and staff.

This restriction includes but is not limited to travel for university-related activities such as teaching, conferences, internships, recruiting, business meetings, and special events.

Exceptions:

- Domestic travel by faculty, research staff, postdoctoral associates, and graduate student/professional school students essential for the conduct of research is exempt from this restriction.
- International travel may be permitted, but any requests for approval of international travel must be made through the Executive Travel Safety Committee and submitted to global@emory.edu.

Study abroad programs remain suspended and are currently under review.

Emory Healthcare, Grady Health System, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, and the VA Medical Center also have travel policies in place for health care personnel. Faculty and staff who have clinical responsibilities or whose workspaces are located in a clinical facility should also be aware of the travel guidelines provided by their respective clinical institutions. If guidelines differ from university policy, faculty and staff are expected to follow the more restrictive guideline.

Aside from Emory-sponsored travel, Emory strongly encourages you to limit and seriously consider your personal domestic and international travel, given COVID-19 transmission in the broader community. Anyone considering personal travel should carefully review the travel guidance provided by the CDC. If you must travel, note that the CDC recommends a viral test one to three days before you travel and three to five days after you travel. Emory students, staff, and faculty can schedule tests here. CDC also advises self-quarantine for seven days after travel, even if your test is negative. While the Georgia Department of Public Health is not strictly requiring quarantine after travel, Emory encourages its students, staff, and faculty to avoid unnecessary gatherings and activities that will put you in close contact with others during the seven days after travel. Note that fully vaccinated persons do not have a need to quarantine if they remain symptom free and they are two weeks after and within three months of receipt of the last dose in the series. Other public health guidance that informs need for isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test or signs and symptoms of illness, or otherwise informs need for quarantine because of a known close contact with someone confirmed to have COVID, supersedes this guidance.

Travel guidance is being reviewed regularly and will be updated as new information about the COVID-19 pandemic becomes available.