Travel Policy (Revised 2/17/2022)

Emory permits the following university sponsored or supported travel:

- Domestic travel by faculty, staff, and students.
  - Faculty and staff should coordinate with supervisors and requests should be considered within resource constraints.
- International travel for faculty and staff essential for research, scholarship, training, professional development, or university business activities.
- International travel for fully vaccinated faculty and staff can be approved directly by deans’ offices without additional review by the Executive Travel Safety Committee (ETSC). Faculty and staff not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 require approval through the ETSC. Visit the Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives website for ETSC permission request instructions.
- International travel for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, for whom travel is essential to their academic progress or student experience.
  - Students must first discuss travel with their department chair or dean’s office, or in the case of travel with a student organization, with the organization’s faculty or staff advisor.
  - Any international travel request must be approved by the dean of the unit where the student is enrolled, or in the case of travel with a student organization, by the Senior Vice President and Dean of Campus Life. The ETSC will provide guidance in the decision-making process. Students not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 require approval through ETSC. Visit the Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives website for ETSC permission request instructions.

Study abroad programs are being evaluated ahead of each term. Students should check with their deans’ and study abroad offices on program status. While approved religious exemptions are acceptable per Emory’s vaccination policy, they are not acceptable for non-immigrants to enter the US according to the current federal entry requirements.

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. Those who have clinical responsibilities or whose workspaces are located in a clinical facility should also be aware of travel guidelines provided by their respective clinical institutions. If guidelines differ from university policy, you are expected to follow the more restrictive guideline.

Aside from Emory-sponsored travel, Emory strongly encourages you to consider your personal domestic and international travel, and abide by all safety and health protocols while traveling.

Anyone considering personal domestic travel should carefully review the travel guidance provided by the CDC. If you are considering personal international travel, please review travel guidance from the CDC as well as any COVID-19 traveler requirements to/from the countries being visited, as listed by the U.S. Department of State. CDC travel guidance also provides updated information on recommendations for fully vaccinated people.

As needed per public health guidance, Emory students, staff, and faculty can schedule COVID-19 tests here. Travel guidance is being reviewed regularly and will be updated as new information about the COVID-19 pandemic becomes available.