Travel Policy (Version 11/01/2021)

Emory permits the following university sponsored or supported travel:

- **Domestic travel by faculty, staff, and students essential for research, scholarship, experiential learning, training, professional development, or university business activities.**
  - For employees, travel requests should be coordinated with supervisors and be considered within any resource constraints.

- **International travel by faculty and staff essential for research, scholarship, training, professional development, or university business activities.**
  - International travel for **fully vaccinated faculty and staff** may 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.**
  - Students must first discuss travel with their department chair or dean’s office, and any international travel request must be approved by the dean of the unit where the student is enrolled. The ETSC will provide guidance for deans to apply in their decision-making. 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.

Select study abroad programs are resuming in fall 2021. Students should check with their deans’ and study abroad offices.

While approved religious exemptions are acceptable per Emory’s vaccination policy, they are not acceptable for the new travel by air federal entry requirements for people who depart from their overseas destination at or after 12:01 AM US Eastern Time on November 8, 2021.

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.**
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.