Travel Policy

Beginning May 17, 2021, Emory permits the following university sponsored or supported travel:

- Domestic travel by faculty, staff, and students essential for research, scholarship, training, professional development, or university business activities.
  - Travel requests should be coordinated with supervisors and be considered within any resource constraints.
- Off-campus experiential learning for academic courses within a 250-mile radius via ground transportation.
- International travel for faculty and staff essential for research, scholarship, training, professional development, or university business activities.
  - International travel for faculty and staff requires approval through the Executive Travel Safety Committee (ETSC), with requests submitted to global@emory.edu.
- International travel for graduate or professional students, for whom travel is essential to their academic progress.
  - Graduate and professional 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. ETSC will provide guidance for deans to apply in their decision-making.

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.

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 US 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.