



Yellow Operating Condition – April 5, 2021

The University will move its operating status from “orange” to “yellow” on April 5. Operating status is determined in consultation with infectious disease and public health experts, as well as multiple data indicators to inform decision-making on campus operations. An overview of Emory’s Operating Conditions can be found [here](#).

The new operating status allows for greater university activity, while still requiring strict adherence to infection prevention measures to keep our community safe and healthy. The Emory community must continue abiding by the 3 Ws (wash your hands, wear a mask, watch your distance) as well as the other provisions agreed in the onboarding [compact](#). Students are still required to comply with all mandatory screening testing requirements.

Our community’s successful expansion of activity is dependent on cooperation and adherence with these measures. Any change in the currently favorable conditions may require the University to revert back to a more restrictive operating condition. Below is an overview of changes associated with the “yellow” operating status.

Gatherings and Events (*Emory’s policy is intended to guide organized university supported/sponsored gatherings*)

- Indoor events (excluding classes) are limited to 35 people or less and must not exceed 90 minutes.
- Events limited to 50 people may be held outside and in venues allowing for proper physical distancing.
- Face coverings and physical distancing, as well as clear guidance about entry and dismissal, is required.
- The need for a faculty/staff member present at gatherings is at the discretion of the event sponsor. The sponsor is responsible for the event following all university policies and infection prevention measures.
- The gathering policy applies to [both on and off campus events](#). The gathering policy can be found [here](#).

Dining

- Food and drink will be available on a to-go basis, with physically-distanced indoor seating inside the Emory Student Center Multi-Purpose room (Atlanta), and Oxford Dining Hall and around the Jackson Family Kitchen (Oxford) for students on a meal plan.

Recreation and Fitness

- Fitness facilities will remain open by appointment to all onboarded students in compliance with mandatory screening testing. Face masks, physical distancing, and other infection prevention measures are required.
- Additional facilities will reopen to all onboarded students, including the outdoor pool, tennis courts, sand volleyball court, and outdoor basketball court at the Student Activity and Academic Center (SAAC) on the Clairmont Campus. Reservations for recreational use are required and can be made at this [link](#).
- Emory Athletics (at Atlanta) will begin home competitions. No spectators, including family members, will be allowed at this time.

University Travel

- University supported domestic travel by faculty, staff, and students essential for research, scholarship, or business activities is permitted.
- University organized course activity within a 250 mile radius via ground transportation is permitted.
- Limited international travel for only faculty and staff may be permitted, but requests for approval of international travel must be made through the Executive Travel Safety Committee and submitted to global@emory.edu.

- Emory strongly encourages you to limit and seriously consider the need for travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone considering travel should carefully review the guidance provided [here](#).