CONTACT TRACING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
EMORY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Contact tracing is an effective strategy that identifies COVID-19 cases and their close contacts on Emory University’s campus and works with them to help stop the spread of the disease. Here is an overview of how the contract tracing process works for students at Emory University.

SELF-REPORT
If you are experiencing symptoms, or think you may have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, follow these steps to report it:

ATLANTA CAMPUS: Access care through the Student Health Patient Portal and message the COVID-19 Assessment Provider who will arrange testing. For after-hours and weekends, call Student Health Services at 404-727-7551 and press “0.” You can also call Contact Tracing at 404-727-6190 and press “2.”

OXFORD CAMPUS: Call the Oxford Student Health Office at 770-784-8376 (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5 pm) and they will arrange a telehealth or in-person office visit. For after-hours and weekends, call 404-727-7551 and press “0” for the medical advice nurse.

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When someone tests positive for COVID-19, Student Health COVID-19 Contact Tracing will send an email to all close contacts with instructions for next steps. A close contact is someone who was within six feet of you for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). This applies even if you were wearing masks.

The contact tracing team will make follow-up calls to ensure that close contacts understand their instructions. Always answer any phone calls you receive from the contact tracing team. Be forthcoming on details when they ask questions – this is key information that helps protect our community.

UNVACCINATED: If you are identified as a close contact and you are not fully vaccinated, you must quarantine at home for 10 days. If you live on campus, you will be moved to the Emory Conference Center Hotel. You must monitor your symptoms*, seek care through Student Health Services via the student patient portal, and send a message to the COVID-19 Assessment Provider. You must also test upon entry into quarantine and again at day 8.

* Self-monitoring is done through a Symptom Tracking Form. You will receive a text message from REDCap, the Contact Tracing database system (phone #: 678-658-3779), when it is time for you to complete the tracking form.

VACCINATED: If you are identified as a close contact and you are fully vaccinated and without symptoms, you will not have to quarantine but will need to test immediately and on day 5 through Emory’s screening program. You will also need to self-monitor* for 14 days, seek care through Student Health Services via the student patient portal, and send a message to the COVID Assessment Provider. For the 14-day period, you will need to wear a mask at all times (indoors and in public spaces). Do not attend large public gatherings and limit your exposure to those who are high risk for contracting COVID-19. You may go to class during this time wearing a mask. If you test positive or develop symptoms, you will need to immediately isolate and send a message to the COVID-19 Assessment Provider using the student patient portal.

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RETURN TO CAMPUS
If you are fever-free for 24 hours, and symptoms are improving, you can end quarantine and return to campus on day 11 after exposure if all requirements are met.