

Fall 2021 preparations for in-person teaching & returning to campus

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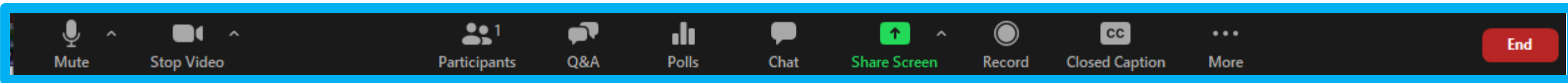
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Webinar guidelines

- Please ask questions using the Q & A feature, not the chat



- We'll start answering those questions about 40 minutes from now



Health and Safety Considerations

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Keeping Yourself Healthy

GET VACCINATED

- All the COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are safe and highly effective at protecting against COVID-19
- If not vaccinated – comply with testing requirements

WEAR YOUR FACE MASK/COVER

- Face masks/covers are required indoors
- Wear your face mask properly

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- Wash your hands. If not possible, use hand sanitizer

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

- Do not come to class or work if you have COVID-19 symptoms

FOLLOW THE RULES

- Most transmission events last year were from off campus activity

Keeping Our Community Healthy

AIR QUALITY AND HVAC SYSTEMS

- Emory has been following CDC guidance which includes:
 - Increased building fresh air changes through maximizing ventilation rates
 - Installation of higher efficiency filter systems where possible
 - Increased inspections of the HVAC systems
 - The use of UV lighting in some main air handlers which helps to improve air quality

CLEANING/DISINFECTION

- All buildings will receive a 'deep cleaning' prior to fall opening
- Areas such as lobbies, restrooms, and classrooms will be disinfected after hours
- All common areas and high-touch surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day
- Disinfection stations have been installed

GUIDANCE FOR CLASSROOM SAFETY

- Guidance based on CDC guidance, current knowledge (evolving), and benchmarking with our colleagues around the country

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNED?

Contact EHSO

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Masking in the classroom

- We expect most students will be compliant
- The CFDE website has language you can use on your syllabus to reinforce masking policy; see FAQ for link
- Faculty have authority to ask students to leave a classroom
- Mask dispensers at building entrances



Helping anxious students

Best: Be a sympathetic listener. Refer students to additional help as needed

Campus Life has a new webpage with advice for helping undergraduates, graduate students, and professional students

<http://campuslife.emory.edu/support/crisis.html>

This link is in the CFDE FAQ, and we'll post these slides on the CFDE website



You may be anxious, too

- Take walks with other faculty
- You deserve self-care
- Faculty Staff Assistance Program:
<http://fsap.emory.edu>



Emotional Support Amid COVID-19 and Racial and Social Unrest

Recent events, both here and abroad, have affected all of us. For those who are struggling with emotions or stress, FSAP can provide individual or team support via telemental health services (videoconference or telephonically).

FAQ on CFDE website answers more questions

cfde.emory.edu

- Attendance policy advice
- Office hours
- Group work in classrooms
- Collecting paper assignments / exams
- Student presentations
- Syllabus language on many topics

Now it's time for your questions! Please use Q & A button

