

What will in-person teaching be like in Fall 2020?

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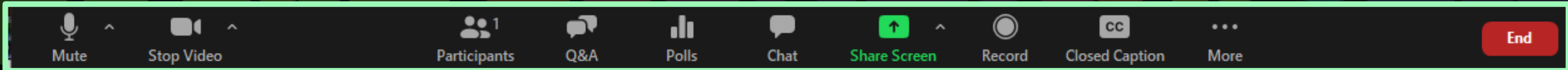
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Webinar guidelines

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



- We'll start answering those questions 30 minutes from now



Safety Considerations – Scott Thomaston

Director, Environmental Health & Safety Office

- Guidance for classroom safety is based on:
 - CDC guidance, current knowledge (evolving), benchmarking with our colleagues around the country.
- Foundations of infection control for COVID-19 (prevent asymptomatic transmission)
 - Physical distancing- 6-feet minimum when possible
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)- always wear your face cover
 - Disinfection- wash your hands (hand sanitizer if not possible), disinfect high touch surfaces
 - Do not attend class if you have COVID-19 symptoms!
- Contact EHSO for additional guidance

Campus Sanitation Plan – David Forbes

AVP Facilities Management/Campus Services

- Following CDC / Emory EHSO guidelines
- We will sanitize common areas, classrooms, bathrooms, lounges, *etc.*
- High touch surfaces: clean periodically throughout day
- Sanitization: classrooms, restrooms *etc.* cleaned nightly with misting
- Regular cleaning team augmented with new sanitation crew
- Sanitization stations, increasing ventilation, water testing

Campus Signage – Andrea Puccini

Project Manager/Campus Services

DESK DECAL IN CLASSROOM / LECTURE HALL/
DINNING TABLE SIGN TYPE VG4



6 FEET CLASSROOM/ LECTURE HALL_DESKTOP STICKER
6" DIA



WALL SIGNS SIGN TYPE VG5

CONFERENCE/CLASSROOM ROOM
5"X7.5" DECAL SIGN



SIGN TYPE VG6

6 FEET CLASSROOM/ LECTURE HALL_WALL SIGN
6"X12", COORDINATE WITH BUILDING FACILITIES AND CHECK FURNITURE
DI-BOND OR DECAL



Flexible Teaching Toolkit – Paul Welty

Associate Vice Provost, Academic Innovation and Faculty Affairs

- Pre-defined set of teaching tools, templates, and methodologies
- Flexibility: help instructors adapt their courses in advance in order to adjust to factors such as decreased classroom density, changes to start or end dates, availability of all students to be on campus, *etc.*
- The toolkit is an effort that is coordinated centrally through The Office of the Provost and CFDE and with strong connections to each school and unit.

<http://cfde.emory.edu/toolkit/>

Safety considerations: two factors of protection

As per advice from CDC / Emory's Environmental Health & Safety Office

- Asymptomatic transmission is possible, so not making any assumptions that students or faculty are virus-free
- Students must wear face masks in classroom; seated six feet apart



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- Contact tracing: close contacts are people you interact with for 15+ minutes, less than 6 feet distance
- Therefore classmates following guidelines are not close contacts (with each other or with you)
- Bill Eley (exec. assoc. dean, SOM): “If we wear masks, if we clean our hands, and if we recognize social distance, we don't spread this disease to each other.”

FAQ: Students who refuse to wear a mask?

- “Campus Compact” around safety expectations
- There will be “health ambassadors” on campus with extra PPE; instructors could get extra PPE (from Emory) to give to students who forget
- Instructors will set good example
- Dean Elliott (ECAS): “We will have a compliance panel that will discipline students who do not comply; faculty will have authority to ask students to leave a classroom.”
 - Other deans working on similar measures

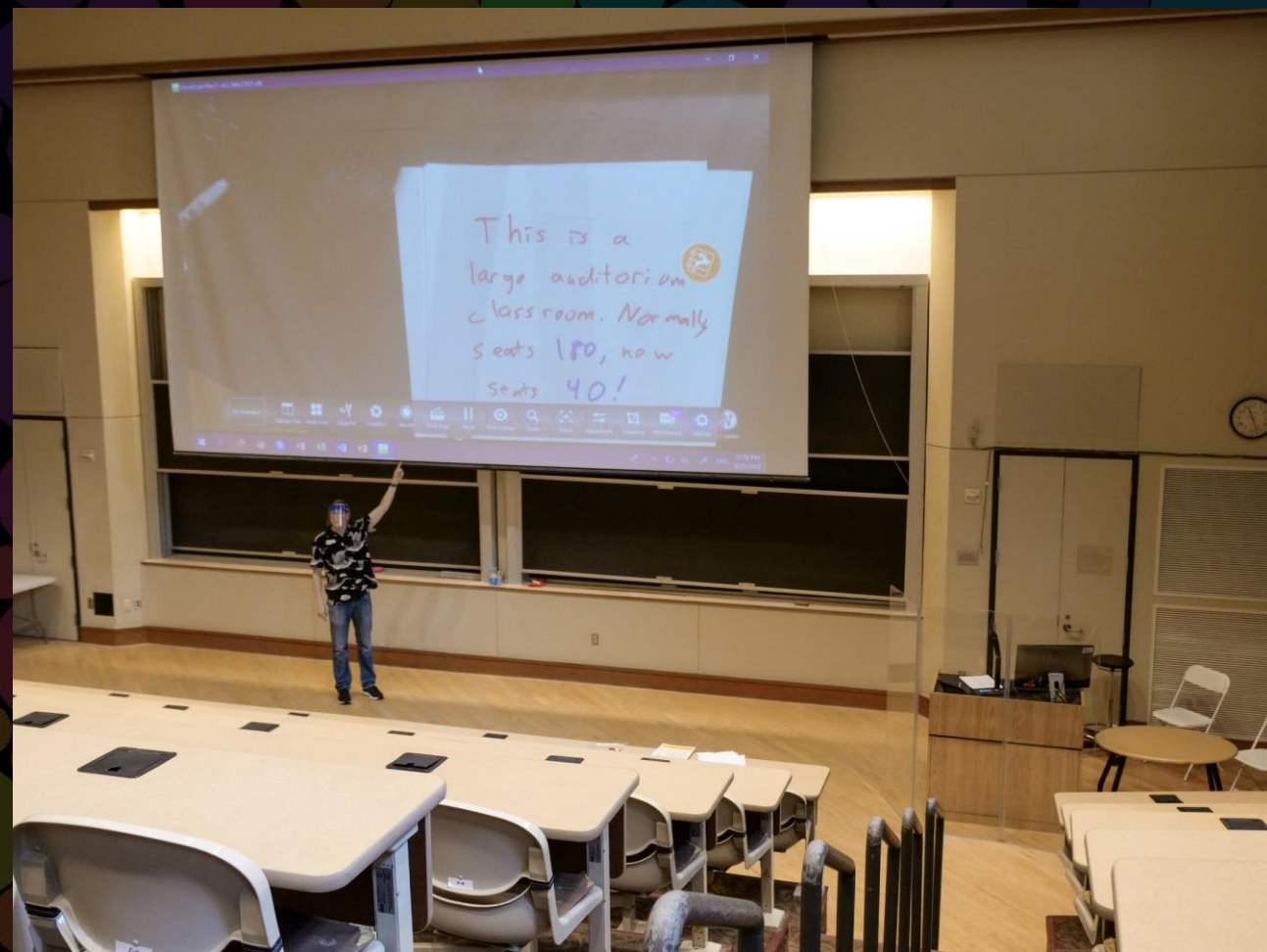
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- Face mask + 6 feet distance: standard on campus
- Face shield + acrylic barrier: instructor in typical classroom



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- Face shield & 8+ feet distance: instructor in an auditorium



Safety considerations: two factors of protection

- Acrylic barrier + face mask: instructor talking with student one-on-one before / after class

Would allow you to spend short times in close proximity to a student (less than 6 feet).

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- Face shield + face mask: instructor in a lab class

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Medium sized classroom



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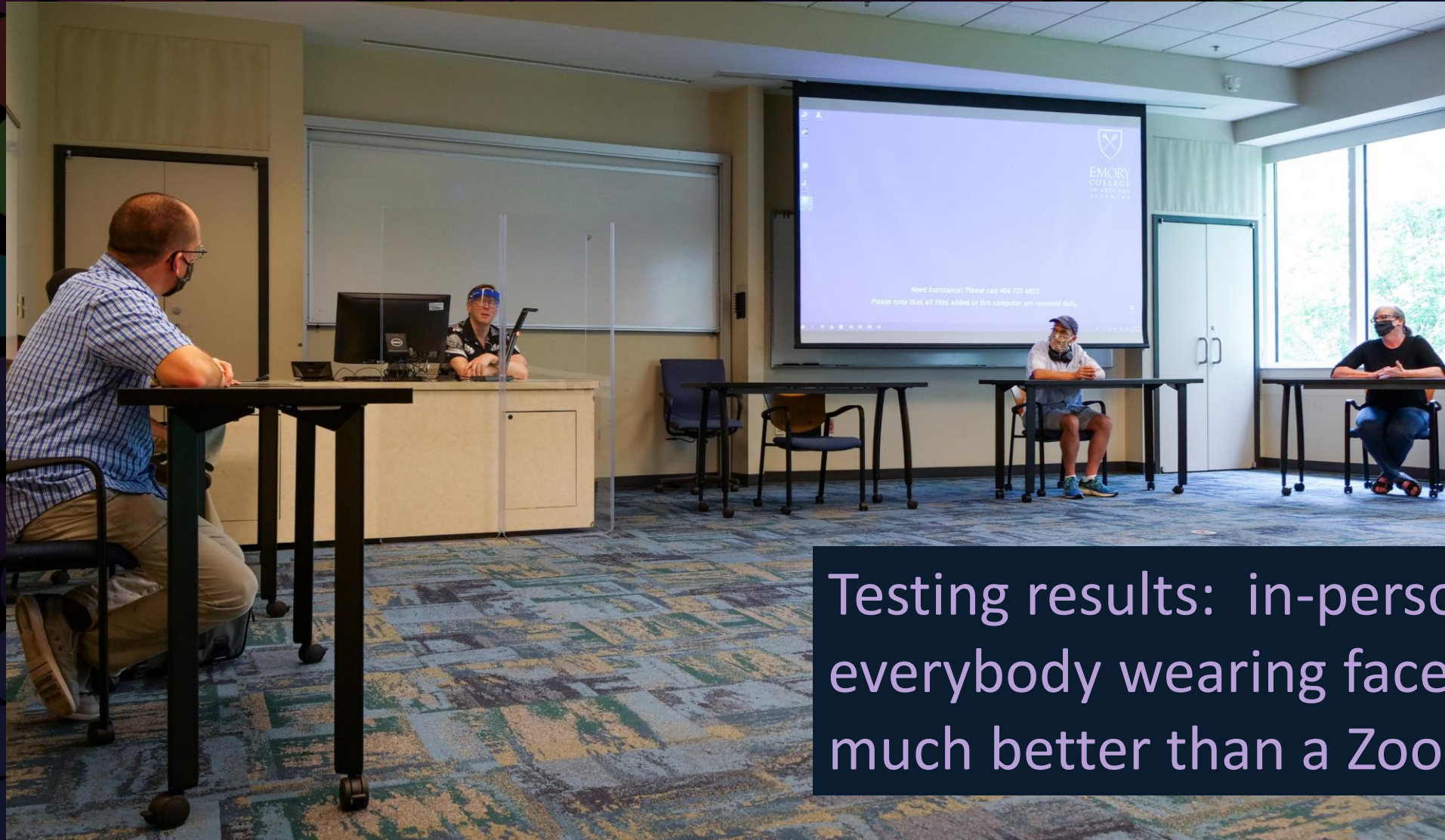
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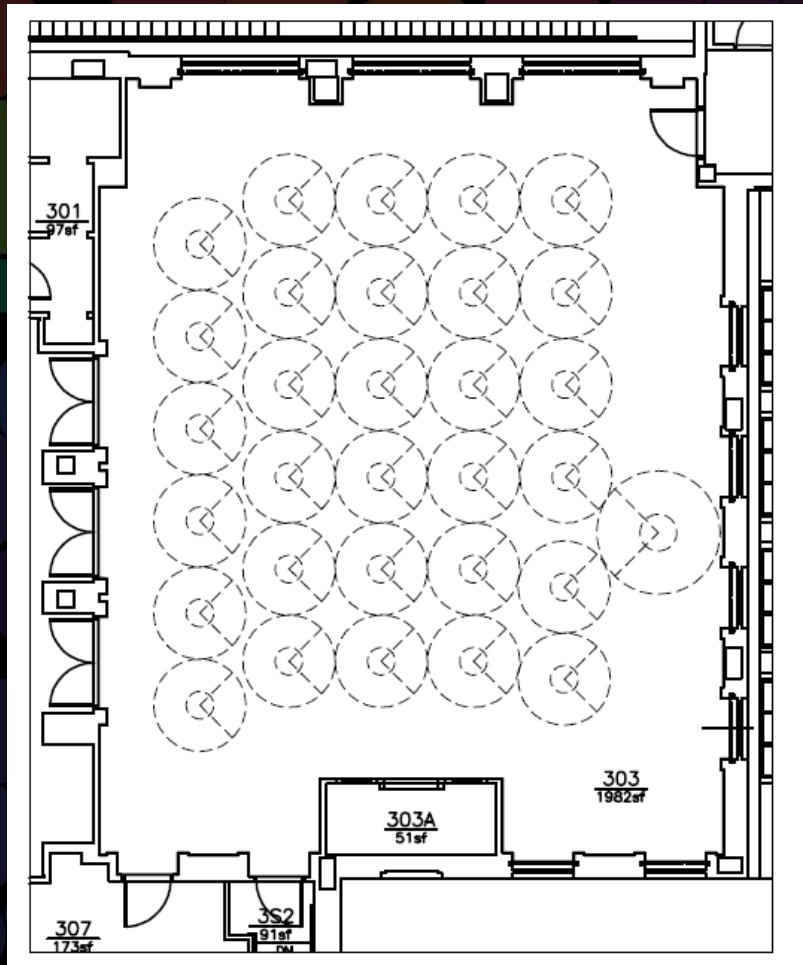
Discussion classroom for 10 students + instructor



Testing results: in-person discussion, everybody wearing face masks, is much better than a Zoom call.

Larger classroom seating 30 students

Ackerman Hall in Carlos Museum

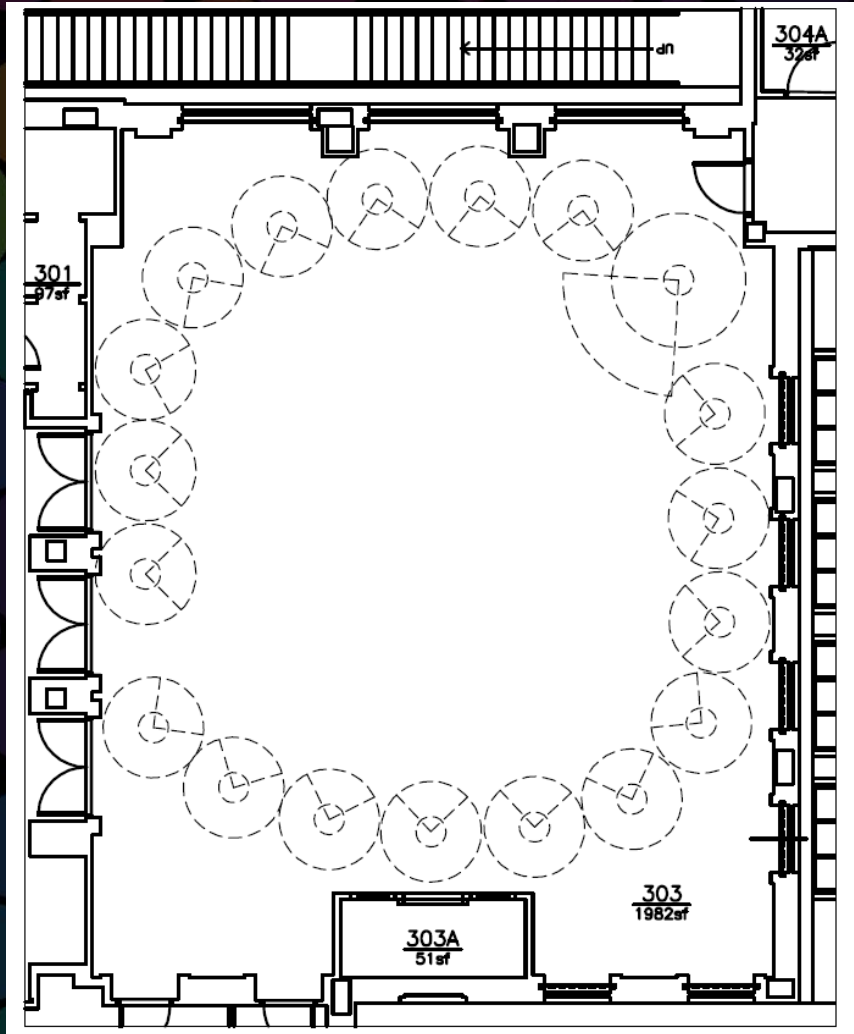


Feast of Words event: same room, before social distancing

Drawing from Christina Roberts, Assistant Director of Interior Design (Emory Planning, Design & Construction)

Larger classroom seating 18 students

Ackerman Hall in Carlos Museum



Rooms of this size would be appropriate for ECAS freshman seminars or Oxford discovery seminars

Larger classroom seating up to 40 students

Note: nearly all in-person classes capped at class size of 35



At this size, you'll be in an auditorium classroom. These are already set up for instructor to use a microphone.

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Student view from
back of classroom



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Your new “whiteboard”: document camera directly connected to podium computer

Video taken by Lindsay Narbeth (Emory Teaching & Learning Technology)

- Easy to use
- Can show books, demonstrations, *etc.*
- Keeps instructor safely behind acrylic barriers

Recording classes for sick/quarantined students

- Classrooms will all be equipped with easy means to record
- For example, Zoom-record session from podium computer
- Discussion classes: room equipped with omni-directional microphone connected to podium computer

No expectation / desire to have class simul-cast to remote students.

Office hours, *etc.*

- Likely held via Zoom
- No requirement to hold them in-person
- There may be options to reserve smaller classrooms for small in-person meetings.
- Potential for outdoor meetings

Other details

- PPE will be provided (face shields, *etc.*)
- Wash your hands and utilize the hand sanitizer stations located on campus
- Technology will be in classroom. Other needs? Contact your school.
- The CFDE will provide pedagogical training as needed: for example, techniques for teaching 35 students in an auditorium

Summary

In-person teaching, while offering some challenges under Covid, will still enable us teach our disciplines effectively, and help us provide the support our students will need from us at this time.



Note! This is our first pandemic, and this is work in progress. Please give us suggestions & ask questions today.