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Cleaning, Air Quality & EHSO Guidelines

Emory is busy preparing campus buildings for the fall return to campus. Here are some key points you need to know.

Cleaning

All campus buildings will receive a deep cleaning prior to the fall opening. Campus Services has also developed a Campus Sanitization Strategy that outlines the cleaning strategy for all university facilities.

- Campus Services will routinely clean all common areas, lounges, classrooms, bathrooms and dining spaces.
- All high-touch surfaces such as building entryways, elevator lobbies, break rooms, doorknobs, etc. will also be cleaned regularly throughout each day.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfection stations have been installed in all facilities.
Air Quality and HVAC Systems

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Emory has been following CDC guidance for Ventilation in Buildings, which specific actions include:

- Increased building fresh air changes through maximizing ventilation (outdoor air) rates.
- Improvements to building automation systems to provide early warning when ventilation systems are not operating properly.
- Installation of higher efficiency filter systems where possible.
- Increased inspections of the HVAC systems.
- The use of UV (Ultraviolet) lighting in some main air handlers which helps to improve air quality.

As referenced in the CDC guidance, these measures improve indoor air quality and lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure when implemented with other mitigation strategies such as: vaccination, mask wearing, physical distancing and good hygiene.

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Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) Guidelines

The EHSO has developed guidelines to promote a safe environment on campus. Be sure to review this information which provides specific details about room capacity, shared office spaces, and how to achieve a COVID-safe workplace.

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Look for future weekly emails to cover safety protocols, transportation and parking, emotional support resources, and more! For more information about the fall return to campus, visit the HR website.