

To: Medical Imaging Program Students  
Thursday, June 11

By now, you should have received the email from Emory University announcing plans for the fall semester. I am writing to provide additional details for students in the Medical Imaging Program.

## Calendar

As a reminder, degree programs in the School of Medicine follow a different calendar (**see attached calendar**) from Emory College and other graduate programs. Incoming first-year medical imaging students will begin orientation on **August 24**. During your orientation, you will get more information about your curriculum and calendar for the fall term.

All medical imaging students will begin class and clinical rotations on **August 26**.

## Curriculum and Format

As you saw in the university email, undergraduate students will be offered a choice to attend courses in-person or remotely. However, given the nature of medical education, we strongly believe that a fully remote education will not allow medical students to become competent clinicians. As the current epidemiology of COVID-19 changes in our community, we are confident that we can progressively construct educationally sound and reasonably safe experiences that will allow you to learn the knowledge and skills you will need.

Over the next few months, we expect to offer some lectures and classes remotely, while some activities will require in-person attendance. When in-person teaching is required, we will take all reasonable precautions to keep our students as safe as possible. (Please be aware that Emory medical imaging students are currently precluded from providing care to patients being evaluated or treated for COVID-19 infection). Current policies that address medical imaging student safety include:

- Distribution of appropriate PPE to students and training on how to use it
- Requirement to wear appropriate face masks in all public spaces
- Limit on the number of people gathering in person
- Enforcement of physical distancing requirements and reconfiguration of space to accommodate these requirements
- Adherence to protocols for sanitizing spaces in the School of Medicine

Our plans were developed in close collaboration with subject matter experts in the Emory Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease; our hospital epidemiologists, and leaders across our medical school and the university. As the earlier email noted, the current

pandemic reminds us that physicians, scientists and healthcare professionals must be flexible, ready to thoughtfully adapt to global, national and regional changes. With that in mind, understand that at some point we may need to change curricular plans to preserve personal health, adapt to community needs while doing our institutional best to ensure academic continuity. We do have contingency plans, and we will keep students informed if changes are being considered.

Should any medical imaging student feel that they are unable to continue their education because of personal health concerns—or any other personal reason—please speak with Ted Brzinski or Dean Bill Eley. Requests for deferral or leave of absence are routinely granted.

## Survey

To support ongoing planning efforts, Emory University will send out a survey on Monday, June 15. Emory is a large and diverse university; keep in mind that the survey is designed to capture preferences and feedback from Emory's entire professional and graduate student community, so *some questions may not be applicable to School of Medicine students*. We ask you to complete the survey as best as you are able, and provide candid input, understanding that some questions may not be relevant to you.

Finally, we echo the words of our university leaders in reminding you that while some things will be different this fall, core elements of the Emory experience will remain the same: our world-renowned clinical and scientific faculty will deliver learning opportunities that meet Emory's rigorous standards. You will have access to the tremendous resources of our hospitals and clinics and our greater research university, and you will be part of a supportive and compassionate community. Our patients and our community need the next generation of healthcare professionals to continue training.

I am excited to welcome the new students to Emory this fall. I am equally excited to have the rest of you continuing your education with us.

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

## FALL SEMESTER 2020

August 26 Wednesday	Classes begin.	March 8-12 Monday-Friday	Spring Break.
September 2 Wednesday	Last day to cancel registration with full refund. Last day for approved schedule changes. Last day to drop courses without incurring a "W" or "WF."	March 22 Monday	Pre-registration for Fall
September 7 Monday	Labor Day Holiday	April 23 Friday	Classes end.
September 11 Friday	Last day to file application for degree to be granted at the end of the semester.	April 26-April 30 Monday-Friday	Exam period.
October 12-13 Monday-Tuesday	Fall Break	May 10 Monday	Term ends. <b>Commencement</b>

October 26  
Monday      Pre-registration for Spring begins

## SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

November 26-27 Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving Recess	May 17 Monday	Registration for full Summer semester.
December 4 Friday	Classes end.	May 19 Wednesday	Classes begin.
December 7-11 Monday-Friday	Exam period.	May 31 Monday	Memorial Day Holiday (Observed)
December 19 Saturday	Fall Semester ends.	July 2 Thursday	Last day to file application for degree to be granted at the end of the semester.

## SPRING SEMESTER 2021

January 4 Monday	Classes begin.	July 5 Monday	Independence Day Holiday
January 18 Monday	MLK Holiday.	July 30 Friday	Classes end.
January 18 Monday	Last day to cancel registration with full refund. Last day for approved schedule changes. Last day to drop courses without incurring a "W" or "WF."	August 2-6 Monday-Friday	Exam period.
February 5 Friday	Last day to file application for degree to be granted at the end of the semester. Summer pre-registration begins.	August 6 Friday	Summer semester ends.

