Student Health

The health and well-being of Emory students is a top priority and essential to student success. While we encourage self-care, health promotion and prevention, medical students are not exempt from having physical and/or mental illness.

All students are expected to take responsibility for maintaining personal wellness by utilizing the multiple resources at Emory outlined below and notifying the dean's office when personal health becomes a concern.

The mission of Emory University Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is to empower students to take responsibility for their health and to complement the academic mission of the university by providing unified medical, counseling and health promotion services that result in a healthy campus culture. Student Health Services and CAPS are committed to providing caring professional clinical services to a diverse student body and to reducing the stigma associated with seeking mental health services. Emory University Student Health Services is very proud to be fully accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare, Inc. (AAAHC). The Emory Counseling and Psychological Services’ (CAPS) Psychologist Training Program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

Student Health Services (SHS)

Emory University Student Health Services is located in the 1525 Clifton Road Building on the Emory Campus and provides comprehensive outpatient medical care for enrolled students. Services available are outpatient primary medical care, physical examinations, confidential HIV testing, STI testing, dermatology, contraception, IUD insertion and colposcopy, psychiatry, PrEP, transgender care, preventive medicine, sports medicine, allergy injections, immunizations, PPD tuberculin skin tests, referrals to specialists, health education, international travel information and immunizations, nutrition counseling, and alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse counseling.

An after-hours medical call center is available for telephone consultation with provider backup when the office is closed and can be contacted by calling 404-727-7551, option 0.

Professional fees for primary care visits to Emory Student Health Services during regular hours are covered by Emory tuition. Other services, such as laboratory tests, x-rays, immunizations and allergy injections are not covered by tuition and must be paid for by the student or their insurance. Charges incurred at EUSHS are covered 100% by the Aetna Student Health Insurance Policy. The Emory Student Health Services (EUSHS) is a member of over 43 national PPO networks, including most major insurance carriers. The EUSHS will provide the necessary paperwork to submit for reimbursement. Most other insurance carriers will be billed directly. Students will be responsible for any outstanding charges that are not covered by insurance. Payment options are available by calling the front office at 404-727-7551 and discussing with the billing office.

The Student Health Student "Patient Portal" is a 24-hour Internet communication tool for Emory students. By using this system, Emory students are able to communicate online with Student Health Services in a private, confidential and secure manner that meets
federal HIPAA/FERPA privacy standards. Your Patient Portal can be used to schedule appointments, request prescription refills, view recent billing statements and request medical records releases.

Appointments

The Emory University Student Health Services (EUSHS) operates on an APPOINTMENT ONLY system, including same day/urgent care appointments. Appointments are scheduled by calling 404-727-7551 (press 1) during office hours, or you can schedule your own appointment through the on-line appointment system (Student Patient Portal). You will be scheduled as follows:

For routine care, appointments are scheduled up to two weeks in advance.

For urgent conditions, an appointment or urgent consultation can be arranged for the same day.

For most acute, but not urgent needs, you may get an appointment in 24-48 hours. The only patient visits that will be handled on a work-in basis will be urgent care.

We have COVID and non-COVID related in person appointments available. If you develop symptoms of COVID, you will be able to schedule an urgent respiratory care visit directly through the student portal. If you require additional assistance, you will be able to send a message through the patient portal to the "COVID Assessment Provider" and a nurse will call you to assist with next steps. As COVID-19 care processes are routinely being adjusted to fit the current state of COVID-19 in our community, it is important to read the updated guidance in the student patient portal and/or on the Student Health Services website. Student Health has the availability of point of care COVID-19 PCR testing which result in 30 minutes for those experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have a significant exposure. For non-COVID related appointments, you may access an appointment through the patient portal as they are made available or call the front office at 404-727-7551.

Student Health Services will continue to provide, via our HIPAA-compliant Zoom platform telehealth, options for psychiatry and primary care for those students in Georgia. In addition, TimelyMD (a.k.a. TimelyCare) which is a third-party telehealth company is also available to supplement access to care, especially for those who are not currently in Georgia or during after-hours and weekends.

If you cannot keep your appointment, please call and cancel at least two (2) hours before the scheduled appointment time or 24 hours in advance before specialty clinics. Charges do apply for not showing up (No Show) for a scheduled appointment.

- **Emory University Student Health Services**: 404-727-7551 Sharon Rabinovitz, MD, Executive Director
- **Student Health Immunization Nurse**: Send a message on the patient portal to "Immunization Compliance" or email to immunizations-shs@emory.edu.

Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

The Emory University Student Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) is located in the 1462 Clifton Road Building, Suite 235. CAPS provides free, confidential
individual, group, and couples counseling for enrolled undergraduate, graduate and professional students at Emory University. CAPS staff also provides consultations to students, faculty, or staff who are concerned about an Emory student. In addition, CAPS provides outreach and educational workshops on a variety of topics. Telemental health visits are available for those living in Georgia as an option for care.

Services are provided by competent, caring psychologists, social workers, and psychology and social work trainees. Services at CAPS are covered by the Health and Wellness Fee. CAPS also provides referrals to other agencies on campus, low-cost services in the community, or private practitioners in the community when necessary and/or requested.

An Emory student interested in arranging an appointment can call 404-727-7450 or come to CAPS between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Same day crisis triage appointments are available between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. Psychiatric services are available at Student Health Services at 1525 Clifton Road, phone 404-727-7551.

Telemental health visits through CAPS are available for those living in Georgia as an option for care. Emory University has also contracted with a 3rd party vendor, TimelyCare, to provide 24/7 mental health support. This support includes scheduled counseling visits (12/year) and 24/7 access to emotional support with their TalkNow program. TalkNow is also available to international students. CAPS also offers consultation, support/discussion groups (e.g., international support group, Black graduate student support), and various types of helpful workshops (e.g., stress & mindfulness programming) via a HIPAA-compliant Zoom platform that are available to all students, regardless of where they are located.

Learn more information about CAPS services.

Other after hours’ resources include:

- TimelyMD's TalkNow services
- Crisis Text Line: free, 24/7, confidential text message service for those in crisis – text HOME to 741741 or text STEVE to 741741 (to reach a person of color)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 9-8-8 (formerly 1-800-273-TALK [8255])
- Transgender Crisis Hotline: (877) 656-8860
- LGBTQ+ Hotline: (866) 488-7386
- Graduate Student Helpline: (800) 472-3457
- Veterans Helpline: (800) 838-2838
- SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline: (800) 985-5990
- Georgia Crisis& Access Line (GCAL) at 1-800-715-4225, available 24/7

In case of an emergency the Police should be called by dialing 911.

The Respect Program

The Emory University Respect Program's mission is to engage the Emory community to prevent and respond to sexual assault and relationship violence. To learn more about the program please contact the Respect Advocate at 404-727-1514. Assistance is always available on the Respect Hotline at 470-270-5360 or visit the RESPECT Program website.