Dear incoming Oxford student,

Thank you for choosing Oxford to be part of your educational future—whether you are joining us for the first time this fall or returning for your sophomore year. As you start your college journey, know that Oxford is committed to supporting your academic and personal growth.

Oxford College of Arts and Sciences is part of a university with a vibrant community of students, faculty and staff. This plan will require the active engagement and commitment of each of us to ensure the health and safety of all members of the Oxford community.

Oxford's faculty members and leaders in Academic Affairs are actively organizing the fall semester 2020, which will begin the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (November 24) with instruction existing online. This is a change from the original fall start date of Tuesday, August 19. These plans will help us invest time in preparation and logistics to ensure a smooth opening of our Oxford educational community.

The fall semester 2020 is now Wednesday, August 19, and the last day of in-person classes will be Wednesday, November 25. This change is intended to allow academic planning and coordination needed for a regular semester with a Thanksgiving break. Additional details will be shared closer to the start.

As a vital part of the university, Oxford College will apply Emory's approach to our commitment of students, staff members, and faculty. Our safety and flourishing commitment and Choice and the Oxford community this fall. Our commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff have shaped how we will reopen Emory and it will take shared effort, a shared willingness to act responsibly and frequently asked questions. This is a complement to the overall university's Health Standards and Practices of hygiene, distancing, health testing and reporting of conditions, and wearing masks in most venues across campus, including in classes and other indoor spaces.

Oxford is building the element of choice into our plan:

- You may request to live off campus. As your room is now on campus or in an Oxford-related option described below for sophomores, or with your roommate's and landlord's permission, you may request a fully online semester and not return to campus for the fall.

- Alternatively, you may request to live off campus to be closer to family (in Metro Atlanta) and drive to campus for classes and events.