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*A Message from Dean Cooley*

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**In this message:** Graduate student travel notifications no longer required; pre-packaged food allowed at outdoor gatherings

June 10, 2021

Dear graduate students,

I am glad to share two updates regarding COVID policies for this summer.

Effective immediately, GSAS students are no longer required to notify the Graduate School of their travel plans. The Campus Compact will not be changed regarding this issue, but the Graduate School Health and Safety Leaders no longer require travel notifications. If you do travel, please make sure you are following the [Yale Travel guidelines](#) as they pertain to vaccinated and unvaccinated members of the Yale community.

Secondly, outdoor events and meetings can now have pre-packaged food or individual servings of food consumed at the event. Trays of food that multiple people access are still not permitted; however, boxed lunches, individually wrapped sandwiches, etc., are now permitted. While masks are still required at outdoor events, they can be removed for eating. Food is still not permitted at

indoor events. Review the other [event guidelines](#) as you are planning any events.

Please contact the HSL's at [gsas.safetyteam@yale.edu](mailto:gsas.safetyteam@yale.edu) if you have any questions.

Best,

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