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As we move toward the fall semester and continue our Return to Campus phased-in plan, here are **Five Things You Should Know This Week:**

1: The LiveSafe app now provides another tool to keep our community safe.

Georgia Southern's LiveSafe app now includes a COVID-19 Health Check tool that allows faculty, staff, students and visitors to proactively check-in online and self-attest that they are feeling well and remain symptom-free. Likewise, they can report they're not feeling well with the touch of a button, which will provide them with a means to contact the university's new [CARES Center self-reporting tool](#). The Health Check questionnaire is HIPAA compliant. This resource could be useful for event organizers on campus who want to ensure attendees conduct a health check for COVID-19 symptoms before attending.

In addition to the questionnaire and information regarding the University's response to the pandemic, the [LiveSafe app](#) provides two-way, real-time interactions with Public Safety that include text, calls, photos and videos. The app also provides relevant safety resources and peer-to-peer safety tools and is available as a free download for all Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff. In addition, Georgia Southern parents may also download LiveSafe.

2. Buses will be running this fall on and between campuses, with some precautions.

The intercampus shuttle and on-campus shuttle buses will be running again this fall, but some changes and precautions are being implemented to aid in public health and safety efforts. Face coverings will be required, and social distancing measures will be implemented on all buses and shuttles. The intercampus shuttle will start at 6:40 a.m. to reach the Armstrong campus in better time for 8 a.m. classes. The full schedule is [here](#). For on-campus shuttles in Statesboro, bus routes will change to better support the campus and ensure social/physical distancing. Most routes will be on the exterior of the campus. Passengers will be limited to 25 people per bus. Riders will enter only through the back door and seats will be marked for availability. Look for updated information and routes at <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/parking/transit/>.

3. Be aware of the need for good mental health.

Based on [predictions](#) from health organizations and disaster response experts, counseling centers are expecting a demand for mental health services this fall. To facilitate students' access to mental health services, Georgia Southern's Counseling Center has drafted an explanation of fall mental health services along with how students can access each of our services (and how faculty/staff can refer students) [on the Counseling Center website home page](#). For employees, there are many resources available, including the Employee Assistance Program. This program offers no-cost telecounseling to all employees and dependents for no charge. The University System Wellness Initiative provides wellness activities that include physical and emotional wellness components. Any employee whose emotional well-being impacts their ability to complete their job responsibilities should reach out to HR for additional options that may be available to them such as an ADA accommodation or Family Medical Leave.

4. HR has developed Virtual Training On COVID-19 Reopening.

Human Resources has developed a training to help you better understand all that has been done to ensure a safe return to work, and what you should do to support this effort. While this training is beneficial for all employees, **supervisors are strongly encouraged to view the training** to know their responsibilities in assisting with the safe return to campus operations. The training is featured content under the "Training" tile in Building a Better U (BBU), which can be accessed through your MyGeorgiaSouthern portal. Once you are in BBU, simply click on the icon of GUS covering his beak and then click enroll. Launch the course and you are on your way to being up to speed about returning to campus.

5: Today begins Phase 3 of our Initial Return to Campus Plan

We are working through our [Initial Return to Campus Plan](#), which means Phase 3 begins today with faculty and staff returning to campus to begin final preparations for the start of the semester. As a reminder, the email you received on Friday detailed several return-to-work [options](#) through Human Resources for employees who seek extended work flexibility for continued childcare needs in light of recent school district decisions. Check [here](#) for more information on the Telework/ Flextime Request Process.

Visit <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information/> for additional return to campus information and resources, including return to campus plans, FAQs and public health information. This page is updated frequently.