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As we move forward with the fall semester as part of our Return to Campus phased-in plan, here are Five Things You Should Know This Week:

1. Students are back and headed to class.

As the fall semester begins today, please be on the lookout for students who might need assistance or directions. There are a number of welcome tents around our campuses (see attached map) that may provide extra help for those who need it. Remember, student success is at the center of all we do, and each of us plays an important role in that effort.

2. Join us for Weeks of Welcome events.

[Weeks of Welcome \(W.O.W\)](#) begins this week with both in-person and virtual events. We invite you to participate in W.O.W. to help prepare students for success during their time on campus. W.O.W. is the first two weeks of classes, packed with a variety of events and activities to assist first-year, transfer and returning students in making new friends, connecting to the university's many resources and getting involved in campus life. Visit the Georgia Southern welcome website at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/welcome to view a calendar of W.O.W. events and for a printable Fall semester checklist!

3. Eagle Dining is already cooking!

Eagle Dining has modified their services and accommodations for the campus community this fall. All dining locations have instituted social distancing and safety measures according to public health guidelines, and all staff have their temperature checked before each shift. In addition, residential dining has reduced seating by 75% and will provide to-go packages for all customers as there will be no self-serve options. Most dining retail locations will offer to-go only service and limiting seating where available. There will also be a food trailer outside Dining Commons from 9 to 11 p.m. to provide late-night options, and students can use their Eagle Card to swipe into a dining location up to four times per day. Visit [the Eagle Dining website](#) location hours and availability.

4. Extra face coverings are available on campus.

Thanks to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the University System of Georgia (USG), more than 50,000 disposable masks will be available throughout our campuses this week for employees/guests/students who forget theirs or who do not have a face covering when they arrive on campus. As a reminder, anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must

leave the area. Repeated refusal to comply with the requirement may result in discipline through the applicable conduct code for faculty, staff, or students.

5. There is a right way to wear face coverings.

The CDC has recommended face coverings as an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with everyday preventive actions and social distancing in public settings. For tips on how to properly wear a mask or face covering, please see CDC guidance at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>. The CDC recommends that people wear masks in public and when around people who don't live in your household, and reports that surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Consistent with University System of Georgia guidance, Georgia Southern will require all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. Face covering use will be in addition to and is not a substitute for social distancing.