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As we continue with the fall semester in accordance with our Return to Campus plan, here are **Five Things You Should Know This Week**:

1. Experts suggest getting a flu shot before October ends.

Getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever this year to protect yourself and the people around you from flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against flu, the CDC recommends receiving a flu vaccine by the end of October. The flu vaccine is available on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday at the Statesboro campus Health Services Pharmacy and the Armstrong Health Services Center for students, faculty and staff. Additionally, the flu vaccine is available in most other pharmacies throughout the region.

2. The virus has not gone away.

While the number of COVID-19 positive cases in Georgia and within the Georgia Southern community have stabilized, experts are in agreement that diligence is required to keep the rates of infection low. It is just as important now to wear a face covering, remain socially distant from others, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands frequently and continue to Do Right!

3. Early voting is now underway in Georgia.

Early voting can help Georgia voters avoid crowds or find a time to vote that's better for their schedules in the weeks prior to Election Day. [Find out more about early voting at https://georgia.gov/early-voting](https://georgia.gov/early-voting). For faculty, staff, and students who are registered to vote in Bulloch County, the Russell Union Ballroom is available for early voting on Oct. 20-22 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For a listing of early voting locations near the Armstrong campus in Savannah or the Liberty Campus in Hinesville go to <https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/eaglesvote/how-to-vote/>. For those on the Armstrong campus who need assistance getting to a voting location, the Chatham Area Transit system has a stop on Abercorn Street right in front of campus. [For more information and bus routes, see https://www.catchacat.org/current-schedules/](https://www.catchacat.org/current-schedules/).

4. CDC has new guidance in place related to holidays.

With fall and winter holidays approaching, [the CDC has provided new guidance to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19](#). The site lists considerations and recommendations for a variety of celebrations, including low-risk, medium-risk and high-risk behaviors, and a wealth of other information such coping with stress and traveling safely during a pandemic.

5. Georgia Southern's new Inclusive Excellence Action Plan is now available.

The university's new Inclusive Excellence Action Plan was released last week after a thorough vetting with a wide variety of constituents across campus. The development and implementation of our Inclusive Excellence Action Plan is the next key step toward the realization of Georgia Southern's vision to become a national model for Inclusive Excellence. The plan represents a roadmap to advance Inclusive Excellence by leveraging existing successful initiatives and embracing new innovative ideas while ensuring measurable success and accountability. [Review the plan online at https://president.georgiasouthern.edu/inclusive-excellence/2020-2024-action-plan/](https://president.georgiasouthern.edu/inclusive-excellence/2020-2024-action-plan/).