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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. Remain vigilant with public health guidelines**

Thanksgiving and the holidays are popular times for much-needed time away from work and to be with family and friends. For those who are traveling, please remember that, especially during a pandemic, you should treat your home family just as you have your university family. Continue to practice all of the precautions we have been taking throughout the year that have contributed to the low and stable numbers of positive COVID cases at Georgia Southern. Our practices, our Return to Campus Plan, and our CARES Team have shown their effectiveness, but we must remain vigilant in exercising responsibility both on and off campus so we can continue to keep our university community safe. Remember to wear face coverings, remain socially distant from others, and wash our hands frequently!

**2. The Legal Affairs Boot Camp has gone virtual!**

The University's Legal Affairs Boot Camp is now online and includes the following seven recorded Zoom sessions:

- Foundations of Higher Education Law
- Student Legal Issues
- Employee Legal Issues
- Civil Rights Law
- Free Expression
- Data & Intellectual Property
- Campus Safety

Employees can earn up to 14 of the 20 professional development hours outlined in University Policy. Registration is easy by submitting a Legal Affairs Helpdesk Ticket to place on your schedule. For more information, please visit [the Professional Development tab on the Legal Affairs website](#) or call 4-3152. You don't have to be a lawyer to be a "Legal Eagle."

**3. This is the final week for the Inclusive Excellence Campus Climate Survey**

Friday, Nov. 20, is the deadline to complete Georgia Southern's inaugural Inclusive Excellence Campus Climate Survey. Please encourage your students to fill it out also. The feedback is critical for one of the action steps in addressing Goal #1 of the [Inclusive Excellence Action Plan](#). Your confidential, unique survey link came via email from the Office of Institutional Research, in partnership with the Office of Inclusive Excellence. If you did not receive the survey, please email [iroffice@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:iroffice@georgiasouthern.edu).

**4. Our virtual Homecoming was a success!**

Thanks to all who had a hand in developing, or participated in, the Homecoming events last week. There were 18 events in total, and we saw 213,703 virtual views of all the different activities.

**5. Commencement is around the corner.**

More than 1,700 students have signed up to participate in our in-person commencement activities, scheduled for Dec. 13, 16 & 17. We are thrilled so many faculty and staff have already offered to work the ceremonies, but we may need a few

more people to help. If you are able to assist with any of the ceremonies, please notify your supervisor. See <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement/> for more details about commencement plans.