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Dec. 21, 2020

In accordance with our Return to Campus plan, here are **Five Things You Should Know This Week**:

1. Have a happy, healthy, restful holiday!

2. Free COVID testing remains available in Chatham and Bulloch counties

The Georgia Department of Public Health continues to offer free COVID-19 testing in Chatham and Bulloch counties on the following schedule during the upcoming holidays. Appointments may be required. Register for either location online or call 855-473-4374. Find out more at <https://www.sehdph.org/covid-19/where-and-when-can-i-receive-free-covid-19-testing/>

Bulloch County (at the Bulloch County Health Department, 1 West Altman Street)

- Dec. 21 & 23, 2020 -- open, 8-10 a.m.
- Dec. 24 & 25, 2020 -- closed
- Dec. 26, 2020 -- open, 8-10 a.m.
- Dec. 31, 2020 and Jan. 1, 2021 -- closed
- Jan. 2, 2021 -- open, 8-10 a.m.

Savannah/Chatham County (at the Savannah Civic Center, 301 West Oglethorpe Ave.)

- Dec. 21 - 23, 2020 -- open, 8:30 am-3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24 - 27 -- closed
- Dec. 28 - 31, 2020 -- open, 8:30 am - 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1, 2021 -- closed
- Jan. 2, 2021 -- open, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

3. CARES Center will be available during the break

The [CARES Center \(for COVID-19 self-reporting\)](#), which *will* be staffed during the holiday break, continues to be an important University resource that not only provides University officials real-time indication about COVID-19's impact on our campuses, but also initiates a support system for the student's benefit to assure their well-being and academic success.

The CARES Center's ability to mitigate the spread of the virus on our campuses relies on the University community's willingness to be honest and forthcoming with information. In order to monitor public health, it is important that students and employees are encouraged to contact the CARES Center to report if they:

- Have tested positive for COVID-19, or
- Are experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, or
- Were notified they are a close contact with a COVID-19 positive case.

There are several ways to reach the CARES Center:

- Use the MyGS mobile app
- Complete the CARES Center COVID-19 self-reporting form available through the MyGeorgiaSouthern portal under the tile titled "COVID-19 Information & Resources."
- Call 912-478-CARE (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Email covidsupport@georgiasouthern.edu

4. Campuses are closed Dec. 25, 2020 through Jan. 3, 2021

As a reminder, all campuses are closed for Winter Break and the New Year's holiday, December 25-31, 2020 and Jan. 1, 2021. Regular operations resume on Jan. 4, 2021. Classes begin again on Jan. 11, 2021.

5. Eagles football to play in nationally televised bowl game Wednesday

For the fourth time in history, Georgia Southern football is headed to an NCAA postseason bowl game when the Eagles (7-5) meet Louisiana Tech (5-4) of Conference USA in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl at 3 p.m. (ET)/2 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday, Dec. 23 in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN. Find out more at <https://gseagles.com/>