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

1. COVID-19 testing availability continues in our region

Mako Medical has contracted with the Georgia Department of Health to provide testing services in our area to free up health department staff and resources to focus on COVID-19 vaccinations.

To register for Mako Medical COVID-19 testing in Bulloch and Chatham county locations, please visit <https://mako.exchange/splash/GAmakotesting/>.

The Southeast Health District will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing in other areas. To schedule an appointment at one of these COVID-19 testing sites, call 1-855-473-4374 or visit covid19.dph.ga.gov for all other public health testing locations.

2. Vaccine information for our area

Vaccine scheduling for new requests in Chatham and Liberty counties is temporarily paused. For up-to-date COVID-19 information in these counties, visit <https://covid19.gachd.org/>. In Bulloch County, the Georgia Department of Public Health Southeast Health District continues to ask anyone interested in a vaccine to verify eligibility and schedule an appointment by calling 1-855-473-4374. An appointment is required to receive your vaccine at one of their mass vaccination sites. Find out more at <https://www.sehdph.org/interested-in-receiving-your-covid-19-vaccine/>.

Georgia Southern continues our plans to be a provider of the vaccine for our students, faculty, staff and immediate families in accordance with the phased approach established by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health. Further details of phased dissemination and timeline will be forthcoming.

3. Safety and precautionary signage is available to download

Downloadable signage to encourage adherence to public health protocols is available [online](#) for departments to print and hang within their office suite areas as needed. We do ask that you refrain from posting additional signage in public areas, but if you have a concern over an area you feel needs signage, please [contact the Division of Facilities Services](#).

4. Reminder: face coverings are almost always required inside campus buildings.

All Georgia Southern faculty, staff, students and visitors are required to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings because 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. Face coverings are not required in one's own dorm room or suite, when alone in an enclosed office or study room, or in campus outdoor settings where social distancing requirements are met.

5. Continue to use the CARES Center.

It's imperative that you continue to use the CARES Center to report your health status should you test positive for COVID-19, have COVID-19 symptoms, or become a close contact. Please also continue to reinforce use of this center to our students. Now is not the time to become complacent. The CARES Center has proven its value as an important tool to supplement the practices we all know are so effective: wear a face covering, remain socially distanced from others, wash your hands.