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April 5, 2021

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

1. OneUSG Connect will be offline this weekend

OneUSG Connect will be unavailable to all University System of Georgia employees from 11:15 p.m. on Friday, April 9, until 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 11. During this time, Employee Self Service and Manager Self Service will not be available. Time clocks and Benefits will be available. Note that W-2s and pay statements will be unavailable for viewing and printing during this time so, please plan accordingly.

The process to submit time, approve time, and request absences will be changing as USG transitions to the new "Fluid" interface in OneUSG Connect with a new release on April 10, 2021. The user experience will be modified to have a more modern look and the flexibility to use Time & Absence on phones, tablets, and desktop devices. More information will be provided later this week.

2. Georgia Southern continues COVID-19 vaccinations for the University community

Since early February 2021, Georgia Southern has distributed approximately 3,500 vaccine doses to eligible faculty, staff and students.

The vaccines met the FDA's rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization (EUA). Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html> for more information on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Share your #WingsUpSleevesUp COVID-19 experience and tag Georgia Southern on social media! *Please use caution when sharing vaccination card and personal health information on social media.*

3. COVID-19 vaccine information in our communities

As Georgia Southern is able to increase its COVID-19 vaccine distribution, GS officials continue to stress there is no need to wait for our vaccine distribution if you are able to get the vaccine sooner from your local health department or other outlets. Members of our university family who qualify for a vaccine in their community are encouraged to take advantage of those opportunities should they wish to receive a vaccine. For information on COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in our communities, please see the following:

- For COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in the [Coastal Health District, serving Chatham and Liberty counties](#)
- For COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in [the Southeast Health District, serving Bulloch County](#)
- [Georgia Vaccine Locator](#)
- Registration for one of [Georgia's Mass Vaccination Sites](#), which includes locations in Savannah and Waycross

4. Office of Inclusive Excellence funding opportunities

To further expand the impact of the University Strategic Plan and the Inclusive Excellence Action Plan, the Office of Inclusive Excellence is offering funding opportunities to departments and student organizations that host events centered around the idea of Inclusive Excellence and increasing the awareness thereof. The two opportunities available for funding are Campus Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC) funding and Inclusive Excellence Action Plan Seed Grants. The maximum award amount for the grants are \$1,500 and \$750 respectively. More information about each grant is on the OIE Website.

Information sessions to aid in the education of the purpose and the process of accessing the funds are scheduled as listed below:

- Thursday, April 8, from 4 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 15, from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, April 22, from 1 to 2 p.m.

5. Upcoming survey results presentations

The Climate Survey institutional results will be presented by TaJuan Wilson, Ed.D., Associate Vice President for Inclusive Excellence on Wednesday, April 7, at 1 p.m., and the Employee Engagement Survey results will be presented to campus on Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m. Both presentations will be recorded and posted. Immediately following the campus presentation, divisional and unit reports will be provided as we begin our rollout and action plan development.

Look for more information through email and the Midweek Memo.

6. Georgia Southern vaccine dispensation this week

A drive-through COVID-19 vaccination clinic specifically for Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will take place on Wednesday (April 7) on the Statesboro Campus.

Georgia Southern is currently using the Moderna vaccine, which is only approved for individuals 18 years of age and older. Appointments remain available on a first-come, first-served basis for Georgia Southern faculty, staff, and students for Wednesday, April 7, on the Statesboro Campus.

To make an appointment, go to the MyGS portal and click on "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the heading of "COVID-19 Information and Resources."

Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are made available, free of charge, to our faculty, staff and students. Additional distribution days are being planned on both campuses. Updates will be sent by email.