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

### **1. Opportunities for COVID vaccines on our campuses this week -- PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY**

- **Tuesday:** first doses of Moderna vaccine will be distributed **from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Armstrong Center ballroom** through a new Southside COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic hosted by Southcoast Medical Group and other community partners. [Appointments must be made online in advance.](#) **This is for first doses only!**
- **Tuesday:** Faculty, staff and students who received their first dose of Moderna on the Armstrong Campus on March 16 will receive their **second dose** of Moderna on Tuesday **in the Armstrong Recreation Center (ARC) gymnasium**. If you are scheduled for your second dose at Armstrong on Tuesday, you will receive an email later today reminding you of the time of your appointment along with further instructions. Please do not attend the Southside clinic on Tuesday for your second dose.
- **Friday's vaccine distribution in Statesboro will be the Johnson & Johnson vaccine**, which requires only one dose. Vaccines will be distributed to eligible students, faculty and staff in the MAC Gym in the RAC on the Statesboro Campus. Johnson & Johnson is the only one-shot COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use in the United States. Having this vaccine available on campus now means those who receive the shot will be fully vaccinated and do not need to return to campus for a second dose after the semester ends. 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."

### **2. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective**

The CDC reports that, as of last week, more than 167 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the United States since Dec. 14, 2020 and that [the vaccines continue to be proven safe and effective](#). COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials and met FDA's rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization. The millions of people in the United States who have received COVID-19 vaccines will undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. This monitoring includes using both established and new safety monitoring systems to continue ensuring that COVID-19 vaccines are safe.

### **3. Employee Engagement Survey results discussion now available online**

For those who were unable to join today's town hall meeting presenting the results of the Employee Engagement Survey, a recording of the meeting is now available at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EEsurvey](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EEsurvey). As a reminder, the Employee Engagement Survey is part of our journey of assessment, growth and improvement. The survey results provide Georgia Southern the information to develop action plans at the institutional, divisional and departmental levels to help create a best place to work environment.

### **4. Faculty and staff can use 'Non-Closure Emergency Leave' to receive the COVID-19 vaccine**

In response to the Governor's [Executive Order No. 03.31.21.02](#), the University System of Georgia has provided guidance on procedures to record time and absences related to COVID-19 vaccinations. The USG now will allow faculty and staff to use "Non-Closure Emergency Leave" as of March 31, 2021 for the purpose of COVID-19 vaccinations. Individuals will be compensated for this time without deducting from vacation or sick leave balances. For more details, click [here](#).

## **5. Inclusive Excellence Climate Survey results presentations now available online**

In November, the university launched our inaugural Inclusive Excellence Climate Survey, a university-wide assessment that will help inform critical areas of intervention by illuminating employees' views on the workplace and campus environment, equity, fairness and partiality. Most importantly, it will help us focus on the greatest areas of improvement in alignment with our Inclusive Excellence Action Plan and programs. Results of this survey via executive summaries and a presentation are now available under the "Performance Excellence" tile in the MyGS portal.