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

#### 1. Vaccine availability on campus this week

- **Statesboro** – Wednesday, April 21, in the RAC. Appointments must be made online in advance through the MyGS portal. To schedule an appointment, go to the MyGS portal and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the heading of "COVID-19 Information and Resources."
- **Savannah** -- Tuesday and Thursday in the Armstrong Center. The vaccine will be distributed through a new Southside COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic hosted by SouthCoast Health and other community partners. To make an appointment at the Southside Clinic, go to [www.covidvaxdial311.com](http://www.covidvaxdial311.com).

Both clinics will be distributing the Moderna vaccine, which is for anyone 18 years and older and requires two doses to be fully effective. *Please note that those who receive their first dose of the Moderna vaccine this week will be due to receive their second dose of the vaccine after the semester ends.*

#### 2. GS Women's Tennis wins first Sun Belt title

Georgia Southern overcame a 3-1 deficit, winning a pair of third-set matches to win the 2021 Sun Belt Conference Tournament Championship with a 4-3 victory over East top seed South Alabama on Sunday afternoon at the Peachtree Tennis Center.

The Eagles run their win streak to 11 straight and claim their first Sun Belt tournament title, as well as their first NCAA Championships berth after earning the league's automatic qualifier. Georgia Southern moves to 19-9 on the campaign, extending its school-record single-season win total. The Eagles also avenged a 4-1 loss to South Alabama in the 2019 Sun Belt Tournament Championship match.

#### 3. Those vaccinated need to still take precautions

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If you don't meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated.

Once you have met the criteria above to be considered fully vaccinated, [the CDC reports that you can:](#)

- Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age
- Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness
- Travel domestically without quarantining after travel

If you have been fully vaccinated, [the CDC reports that you should not:](#)

- Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19
- Attend medium or large gatherings

#### 4. Volunteers needed for spring commencement ceremonies

The Commencement Committee is still seeking faculty and staff volunteers to serve as Commencement Hosts for each ceremony. Ceremonies will be at the following times and locations:

- Saturday, May 8, Savannah Convention Center at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. (2 ceremonies)
- Monday, May 10, through Thursday, May 13, Paulson Stadium: 1 ceremony per day at 9 a.m.

All staff will be asked to arrive for their shifts two hours prior to the start of the ceremony. Staff who work on Saturday, May 8, will be expected to work with their supervisor to adjust their work schedule for the week of commencement, or alternatively, be provided compensatory time for their efforts. [Sign-up is online.](#)

#### 5. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick

The CDC reports that, as of last week, more 189 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.