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

1. COVID-19 vaccine availability on campus for the week of April 26-30

Vaccine availability on campus this week:

- Statesboro -- Friday, April 30, 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.

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.* See below for advice from the American College Health Association.

2. Research Symposium this week highlights student research

Georgia Southern University's Spring 2021 Honors Research Symposium, which is being held virtually today through Friday, will showcase faculty-student partnerships through a broad range of scholarly and creative research projects produced by more than 100 honors students across multiple disciplines on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses. Presentations will be posted on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and the comments section will be open for audience engagement with presenters. While many of the presentations will still be accessible after May 1, the comments will be turned off.

3. College students should prepare now to get both vaccine doses

Across the nation, everyone 16 years of age and older is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. With the end of the spring semester approaching, millions of students will soon be leaving campus for their other destinations, the American College Health Association urges college students who have not yet initiated the COVID-19 vaccine series to:

1. Schedule their first vaccination appointment as soon as possible.
2. Make a plan for their second dose at the same time.
3. Protect and duplicate [vaccine documentation](#) cards.

Resources for locating a vaccination appointment:

- Visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org) to find vaccination providers near you. In some states, information may be limited while more vaccination providers and pharmacies are being added.

- Check your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination appointments are available. Find out which pharmacies are participating in the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#).
- Contact your [state health department](#) to find additional vaccination locations in the area.

4. New online toolkit now available to help encourage vaccinations

[The CDC says many factors influence vaccine decision-making](#), however confidence in the vaccines, the vaccinator, and the system all support the decision to get vaccinated. To help build this confidence at Georgia Southern, the university has provided a [new online COVID-19 messaging toolkit, including an email signature, videos and social media messages](#). Information is guided by experts in our Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.

5. Volunteers sought for Operation Move-In

Operation Move-In is a collaborative effort for faculty, staff, student and community volunteers to assist in welcoming our students back to campus. Faculty and staff volunteers are being sought to assist in getting our students back into the residence halls by meeting and greeting families, answering questions, monitoring elevator traffic, unloading cars, and many other activities that go into moving about 3,000 students into the residence halls in just a few hours! [Be a part of this True Blue tradition and sign up online](#). Operation Move-In on the Armstrong and Statesboro Campuses on August 6 and 7.