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May 3, 2021

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

#### 1. COVID-19 vaccine availability on campus this week

Vaccine availability on campus this week:

- Statesboro -- Wednesday, May 5, in the RAC. Appointments must be made online in advance through the MyGS portal. Be sure to schedule today to reserve your spot! 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 the Southside COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic hosted by SouthCoast Health and other community partners. Beginning this week, the clinic will be walk-in only, so no appointments will need to be scheduled in advance. Those who receive first doses will be able to schedule their follow-up appointment while on site.

The Moderna vaccine is for anyone 18 years and older and requires two doses to be fully effective. When you sign up for an appointment with Georgia Southern, a second appointment is automatically scheduled. **Please note that those who received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine on May 5 will be due to receive their second dose of the vaccine on June 2.**

#### 2. Spring Commencement Ceremonies begin Saturday

Georgia Southern's spring commencement ceremonies start Saturday with two ceremonies in Savannah and then are followed with four ceremonies next week in Statesboro. Approximately 4,200 undergraduate and graduate students from Georgia Southern University's Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses will receive associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees this semester. For more information, or to download a copy of this year's commencement program (available later this week) [go online to https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement/](https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/commencement/).

#### 3. May is Mental Health Awareness Month



Your mental health matters, which is why Georgia Southern is dedicated to providing faculty, staff and students with mental health resources. The Department of Human Resources provides a [list of ways to access mental health resources](#) in addition to providers employees can see through their health insurance coverage. The University Counseling Center also offers [various resources](#) for faculty, students and staff, specifically the [H.E.R.O. Folder](#), which is a tool that helps members of Eagle Nation recognize signs of distress and offer support to others.

It's our house. It's our people. It's our purpose. It takes our action. To support Georgia Southern Mental Health initiatives visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Awareness](https://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Awareness).

#### 4. GS Golf team wins Sun Belt Championship

Fifth-year seniors Brett Barron and Jake Maples led the Georgia Southern golf team last week to the Sun Belt Championship at Mystic Creek Golf Club. The Eagles topped Coastal Carolina 4-0-1 in the semifinals and defeated Little Rock 3-1-1 in the finals. It is the program's second Sun Belt team title (2015) and 10th conference championship overall. The Eagles earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. It will be their 26th appearance, the fourth under head coach Carter Collins and the ninth in Collins' 14-year tenure on the coaching staff. The selection show for the NCAA Championships will air on the GOLF Channel Wednesday, May 5, at 2 p.m. As mentioned last week, this title follows the GS Women's Tennis team's championship, which they earned in April for their first Sun Belt title.

#### 5. May is Military Appreciation Month

The Office of Military & Veteran Services (MVS) at Georgia Southern University will honor active and former members of the Armed Forces, as well as their dependents and spouses, during National Military Appreciation Month this month. The University first observed Military Dependent Day on April 30 to recognize more than 3,000 children of military personnel on Georgia Southern's campuses. For Military Spouse Appreciation Day, which is May 7, MVS encourages military spouses from the campus community to stop by the Military Resource Centers on the Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty campuses beginning on May 12 to receive special gift bags in thanks for their many sacrifices. On May 15, the University will recognize active military men and women across all campuses for Armed Forces Day. To nominate a University-affiliated member currently serving in the Armed Forces visit [here](#). [Find out more online.](#)