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1. Gov. Kemp encourages all state employees to get vaccinated

Governor Kemp recently asked all state employees to get vaccinated and announced that state offices will be closed Friday, Sept. 3 and encouraged "all state employees who have not yet gotten their shot to plan on scheduling it on – or before – Friday, September 3rd."

USG will **not close** our institutions on September 3, however, we will offer employees administrative leave in lieu of a closure. No administrative leave may be taken without supervisor approval. More information will be provided soon.

2. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, free and available on campus

Vaccine availability this week:

Statesboro Campus:

The Moderna vaccine will be available Monday, Aug. 23, through Thursday, Aug. 26, at Health Services. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available Friday, Aug. 27, at Health Services.

Armstrong Campus in Savannah:

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available Wednesday, Aug. 25, in the Health Professions Academic Building.

All 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."

Find out more at <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information/vaccine/>.

3. Info about additional vaccine doses for people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised

Following the FDA's emergency use authorization of an additional COVID-19 vaccine dose for immunocompromised individuals, there is [now a recommendation](#) that certain patients with weakened immune systems receive an additional dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine (do not apply to Johnson & Johnson vaccine recipients at this time) no sooner than 28 days after completing their second dose. If you feel like this may apply to you, please contact the CARES Center for more information on how to schedule your additional dose. Georgia Southern is now providing additional Moderna doses to qualifying individuals on both the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses.

4. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask or face covering while inside campus facilities.

5. Budget discussions should be going on in your division right now

Departments, Centers and Units should be having budget discussions now for FY 2023. Our budget priorities for FY 2023 will be the funding of lines/positions deemed critical to achieving our strategic goals; essential operational funds deemed critical to the unit, department, or divisional success; and recurring funding of salary market equity (with an updated market equity salary study) and/or merit salary increases (if appropriated the state). Recurring funding requests for the itemized priorities would come from three possible sources for FY2023 – a nominal undergrad and/graduate tuition increase request for FY2023 (very unlikely); enrollment growth (increased credit hour generation) resulting in formula increase from previous comparative years (FY2020/FY2021) and/or growth this upcoming academic year that produces additional revenue (and that we are confident will be duplicated in FY2023); and internal redirection of resources to strategic priorities.

6. Get in touch with the CARES center for COVID reports or questions

Contact the [Georgia Southern University CARES Center](#) for answers to all your COVID-19 related questions; to self-report test results and symptoms; get help evaluating your situation; and receive support for your COVID-19 related academic, employment and on-campus notification needs.