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Sept. 7, 2021

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

Vaccine availability this week:

#### Statesboro Campus:

The Moderna vaccine will be available today, Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Thursday, Sept. 9, at Health Services. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available Friday, Sept. 10, at Health Services.

#### Armstrong Campus in Savannah:

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available Wednesday, Sept. 8, 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/>

### 2. Get vaccinated, get rewarded! Now through Sept. 30

- Faculty, staff or students who receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose at a University-sponsored vaccine clinic receive a **\$50 EagleXpress credit** loaded directly on their Eagle Card.
- **There are three more weekly drawings** (valued at \$500 each) and **two grand prize drawings** at the end of September (valued at \$2,500 and \$5,000 or the cash equivalent) for any faculty, staff or student who completed the vaccine series, regardless of vaccination location. Enter through MyGS portal under "[COVID-19 Vaccine Drawing](#)."

Click on "Vaccine Rewards" at <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information/vaccine/> for full information.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Pay codes available for new vaccine administrative leave

To encourage unvaccinated USG employees to schedule their COVID -19 vaccine appointment and to thank those who are already vaccinated, the USG will provide all employees, including temporary faculty and staff, with up to eight (8) hours of administrative time off. Employees may request approval to use this leave from Sept. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2021. The below Time Reporting Codes (TRCs) have been added to OneUSG Connect Time and Labor to record time for the Vaccine Administrative Leave. The TRCs are:

- 00VLH: Vaccine Admin Day – Hourly (Non-Exempt)
- 00VLM: Vaccine Admin Day – Monthly (Exempt)

Once a [request form](#) for Vaccine Administrative Leave is submitted by an employee to the manager, managers or time approvers will update the Timesheet with the appropriate TRC and quantity of hours (not to exceed 8 hours in total). Employees cannot enter the leave on their own timesheet or request the leave in OneUSG.

### 5. Dates and times have been set for commencement ceremonies.

As with previous semesters, all candidates have the option to choose the location where they would like to graduate. The schedule below allows the University to provide the fewest number of ceremonies, while still allowing for a sufficient number of candidates and guests for each ceremony and providing room for social distancing protocols to be implemented if needed.

Commencement Ceremony Schedule Fall '21:

#### Saturday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.

Convention Center – Savannah

For undergraduate and graduate candidates who choose to graduate in Savannah

#### Monday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.

Paulson Stadium – Statesboro

For undergraduate and graduate candidates who choose to graduate in Statesboro from the colleges of Business, Education, Health Professions, and Public Health

#### Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.

Paulson Stadium – Statesboro

For undergraduate and graduate candidates who choose to graduate in Statesboro from the colleges of Arts and Humanities, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Engineering and Computing, and Science and Mathematics

More [information will be posted online](#), and emailed directly to graduation candidates, as details are finalized.