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

On the **Statesboro Campus**, COVID-19 vaccines are available at Health Services Monday through Friday. On the **Armstrong Campus in Savannah**, the vaccines are available at the Health Professions Academic Building on Wednesdays. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines are now offered at both campuses.

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. Pfizer booster doses are available to those faculty, staff, and students who are eligible

Based on guidance from the FDA and CDC, the following people who have completed their two-dose Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine series at least 6 months ago are currently eligible for booster doses:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings
- People aged 50 to 64 with [certain underlying medical conditions](#)
- People 18 to 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to [certain underlying medical conditions](#) **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, based on their individual benefits and risks
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, based on their individual benefits and risks

If you feel like this may apply to you, please contact [the CARES Center](#) for more information on how to schedule your Pfizer booster dose.

3. It's the last week to participate in our COVID-19 vaccine reward and incentive plan!

Our best shot is your shot in September! **You have until Thursday to participate in the vaccine reward and incentive plan:**

- Faculty, staff and students who receive the first COVID-19 vaccine dose at a University-sponsored vaccine clinic receive a **\$50 EagleXpress credit** loaded directly on their Eagle Card.
- There are **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 the MyGS portal under ["COVID-19 Vaccine Drawing."](#)

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

4. Applicants needed for the new Eagle Support Network (ESN)

The Office of Inclusive Excellence in partnership with the Division of Student Affairs is launching a campus climate support team known as the Eagle Support Network (ESN). This is an initiative aimed at creating a safe space for faculty, staff, and students to be heard when facing issues related to the diversity, equity, and inclusion on our campus.

We are seeking faculty and staff to serve as stewards for the ESN who will be trained to facilitate meetings with faculty, staff, and students to address the aforementioned issues. Stewards must have been employed at the University for at least one year and must have the permission of the direct supervisor to serve.

To apply, please complete the application, which can be found [here](#), by Monday October 11. If you have any questions, please contact us at esn@georgiasouthern.edu.

5. Reminder that mental health resources are available for employees and students

The mental health of our campus communities, particularly in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, continues to be of great importance. Georgia Southern has designed a [special folder](#) to assist you in supporting students or fellow faculty and staff. As part of the Mental Health Initiative by the University System of Georgia, the Helping Eagles Recognize Distress and Offer Support folder was created [as an easy-to-use resource for employees](#).

For employees, remember that mental health services are among the available options through KEPRO for all Georgia Southern University employees. KEPRO provides employees and their family members with a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Full-time and part-time employees, family and household members have access to the program. Services are free and confidential, within the bounds of the law. See https://www.usg.edu/hr/benefits/2020_benefits/eap, contact KEPRO at 1-844-243-4440 or go to <https://usg.mylifeexpert.com/login> and use the company code USGcares.