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1. GS EXTENDS its COVID-19 vaccine reward and incentive program; now giving away \$20,000

Georgia Southern is extending its COVID-19 vaccine incentive and reward program through October.

A \$50 credit on your Eagle Card will go to any university student, faculty or staff member who receives their first COVID-19 vaccine shot through October.

Additionally, fully vaccinated employees and students can enter to win one of **five weekly \$1,000 cash prizes** that will be awarded on each of the remaining Fridays this month.

TO ENTER the drawings, fill out the "Vaccine Drawing" form in the MyGS portal under the "COVID-19 Information & Resources" tile. Details on the program, future vaccine clinics and [more information about the COVID-19 vaccine are available online](#).

2. 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/>.

3. Pfizer booster doses for qualifying individuals and Moderna/Pfizer additional doses for the immunocompromised are available for scheduling in the MyGS portal

Pfizer Booster Doses:

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

Pfizer and Moderna Additional Doses:

Based on guidance from the FDA and CDC, the following people who have completed their two-dose Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series at least 28 days ago are currently eligible for an additional dose:

- Been receiving [active cancer treatment](#) for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an [organ transplant](#) and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a [stem cell transplant](#) within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- [Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency](#) (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated [HIV infection](#)
- [Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs](#) that may suppress your immune response

If you feel like this may apply to you, the booster dose (Pfizer only) and the additional dose for the immunocompromised (Pfizer and Moderna) are now available for scheduling in 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."

4. Georgia Southern unveils new Diversity Calendar

Georgia Southern University's new [Inclusive Excellence 365 Calendar](#) will allow everyone on campus to:

- **Schedule respectfully by checking first for a possible conflict** on a religious or cultural holiday.
- **Promote inclusion opportunities** from Black History Month to LGBT Pride Month, from religious observances to cultural holidays. The diversity calendar provides dozens of opportunities to show awareness and respect.
- **Remember Sensitivity Training as the calendar includes reminders** such as inclusion tips, dietary do's and don'ts, audio pronunciation and diversity facts.

The new [Inclusive Excellence 365 Calendar](#) is web-based, allows key diversity events to be added to your calendar and provides month-at-a-glance PDFs that are easy to download and print.

5. EAGLE ALERT Emergency Messaging System to be tested Thursday

Georgia Southern will conduct a test of the EAGLE ALERT system around 1:50 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Georgia Southern University uses EAGLE ALERT, the university's emergency messaging system, to contact the University community if there is imminent threat to students, faculty and/or staff on any of our campuses. EAGLE ALERTs are designed to provide instructions, not to pass along information.

[A website is available to update your contact information or to learn more about Eagle Alert.](#)