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1. New staff evaluation process is underway

The annual staff evaluation process has begun through our new electronic module in OneUSG Connect! Human Resources staff is offering training sessions and open labs to help employees and managers navigate the new system. To learn more about the process and register for a training session, click [here](#).

2. COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation guidelines have been updated

Georgia Southern is following the [recently updated guidance from GDPH and CDC](#) for determining when people should quarantine and isolate. People with COVID-19 should isolate for a minimum of 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), they may leave isolation after 5 days, but should continue to wear a mask for another 5 days.

For anyone exposed to COVID-19 and who are unvaccinated or are more than five months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.

3. COVID-19 testing now available on campus

Georgia Southern has partnered with Mako Medical to offer both the COVID-19 PCR test and the COVID-19 rapid antigen test on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses for GS faculty, staff and students.

Testing is provided Monday through Friday (9 a.m.-noon; 12:30-4 p.m.) at no cost. On the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, the testing site is located at the Armstrong Center. On the Statesboro Campus, the testing site is located at the Forest Drive Classroom Building.

Appointments will not be scheduled. While walk-ups will be accepted, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. You can pre-register via the COVID-19 testing link on your MyGeorgiaSouthern portal. Once you have pre-registered, you can go to the COVID-19 testing site at your convenience; the system will not generate an appointment for you or send you a reminder email.

Testing in the health centers on both the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses remains available for students who have been evaluated by a campus health services medical provider. Students who desire an evaluation by a campus medical provider can schedule an appointment via their online health portal. For more information, see an online FAQ at <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/2021/08/31/covid-testing-information/>.

4. Disclose state and state agency business transactions by Jan. 31

Each year, all public employees and officials are required to file a report disclosing any business transactions entered into with the State of Georgia or any agency of the State of Georgia over the past calendar year. The report must be filed by January 31 and should include all transactions entered into by the public employee on behalf of himself or herself OR on behalf of any entity in which the employee, employee's spouse, or employee's dependents hold a substantial interest. Transactions do not have to be reported if each individual transaction amounted to less than \$250.00 and the aggregate of all transactions over the past year amount to \$9,000.00 or less. If you had no transactions with the State besides your employment at Georgia Southern, you DO NOT need to file a report.

This is an online process. You do not need to file a paper form. Please use [this link](#) for instructions on reporting.

5. Vaccine shots and boosters are still available on campus

Booster shots are available to anyone 12 years of age or older. An individual can receive a booster dose if it has been at least 2 months after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or at least 5 months after the 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Please note the Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use in 12-17 year olds. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine shot or booster dose, go to the MyGS portal and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the "COVID-19 Information and Resources" tab.