Feb. 14, 2022

1. Get your booster shot before the break and get $25!
To help encourage vaccine boosters, which studies have shown are effective at helping to prevent serious complications from the Omicron variant, Georgia Southern is offering a Boost Before the Break vaccine incentive program.

A $25 credit on your Eagle Card will go to any University student, faculty or staff member who gets their booster shot – or any COVID-19 vaccine shot – on campus before spring break.

Get all details on the Boost Before the Break campaign online.

2. Learn how to better support our military-connected students
The Military & Veteran Services Department is hosting Lunch and Learn: Green Zone -- Helping to Understand and Serve the Georgia Southern Military-Connected Student.

This Green Zone training will encourage participants to support military-connected students, which comprise approximately 14% of our student population. Green Zone training is the catalyst to sustaining a culture of serving these non-traditional students.

Attendees will better understand the following:

- Composition of the military-connected population at Georgia Southern University
- An understanding of military culture and experience
- Obstacles these students face in higher education
- Identify campus resources that are available

This event is capped for the first 100 attendees. RSVP online by Friday, Feb. 25 at noon to reserve your spot.

3. Vaccine shots and boosters are available on campus
COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots continue to be available on campus, and walk-ups can be accommodated. Boosters are available to anyone 12 years of age or older. Individuals 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 second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Shots are currently available on the Statesboro Campus Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., at Health Services, located at 984 Plant Drive, across from the Performing Arts Center. Shots are available on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah on Wednesdays on the first floor of the Health Professions Academic Building. Appointments can also be scheduled via the MyGS portal by clicking on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form” under the “COVID-19 Information and Resources” tab.

4. Performance evaluations should be underway
The performance evaluation process should be underway in your department as managers are required to electronically submit completed evaluations to HR by February 25.

Relevant documents are available in OneUSG Connect. To access the documents, log into MyGeorgiaSouthern and navigate to OneUSG Connect.

- The process starts with the manager entering goals set last year and reviewing job duties to be evaluated (accessed by navigating to Manager Self Service, then Team Performance).
- Once the manager takes these steps, employees can complete the self evaluation (accessed by navigating to Employee Self Service, then Performance -- disregard the 12/31 due date on the tile) and submit it to the manager.
- Managers will complete the evaluation and submit it electronically for approval from the next level supervisor.
- Once approved, managers and employees will hold face to face meetings to discuss the evaluation and set goals for the year.

More details on the full process, as well as training opportunities, open labs and job aids can be found HERE. As always, if you need additional assistance, please reach out to us at hrservice@georgiasouthern.edu.

5. COVID-19 testing 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/.