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1. Employee Engagement Survey results to be unveiled on Thursday

On Thursday, April 7, at 3 p.m., President Marrero and Studer Education will host a town hall meeting presenting the results of our second annual the Employee Engagement Survey. As a reminder, the Employee Engagement Survey is part of our journey of assessment, growth and improvement. The survey results will be compared to last year's results and provide Georgia Southern the information to assess current action plans, assess results, and update and develop new action plans at the institutional, divisional and departmental levels to help create a best place to work environment. During the town hall, overall institutional results and information on the roll out process will be presented followed by a question/answer period. The town hall will be recorded and posted for those who are not able to attend.

A link to join the meeting will be emailed to employees Thursday morning.

A recording of the meeting will be available at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/EEsurvey](https://www.gasouthern.edu/EEsurvey).

2. An update on additional pay coming for eligible full time, benefited state employees

On April 1, 2022 eligible employees received a letter in their MyGeorgiaSouthern portal regarding their specific payment under the recently approved \$5,000 increase for the current fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2022.

The letter is under the Human Resources tile and on the salary study tab appropriate for your employee type.

Visit the [Human Resources website](#) to find the most up-to-date information regarding this increase. This site will be updated regularly with frequently asked questions and additional information as we receive it.

3. SGA elections are this week

Please encourage your students to participate in the SGA elections, which begin this week. You may see candidates for office around campus as they share their plans to serve as an advocate for the student body. More about the candidates and their platforms is available at the [SGA Candidate Information page](#).

Elections are April 4-6, 2022 and open to the entire student body.

For more information, go to the online [SGA Election Central](#).

4. Vaccine shots and boosters remain available on campus

COVID-19 shots continue to be available on campus, and walk-ups can be accommodated. First booster doses are available to anyone 12 years of age or older. Individuals can receive a first 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 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Statesboro Campus, Monday through Friday, at Health Services and on the Armstrong Campus, Wednesday, at the Health Professions Academic Building. Appointments can be scheduled via the MyGS portal by clicking on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Form" under the "COVID-19 Information and Resources" tab.

Recently the [CDC recommended](#) additional boosters for certain individuals:

- A second booster dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 50 years of age or older may be administered at least 4 months after the receipt of their first booster dose of any previously authorized/approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older with certain immunocompromising conditions at least 4 months after the receipt of their first booster dose of Pfizer.
- A second booster dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 18 years of age and older with certain immunocompromising conditions at least 4 months after the receipt of their first booster dose of any previously authorized/approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- Adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna).

5. COVID-19 testing also still available on campus

Georgia Southern continues to partner with Mako Medical to offer both the COVID-19 PCR and rapid antigen tests 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 this online FAQ](#).