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1. Volunteer to serve as a Commencement Host or Candidate Assistant

As commencement is a respected university-wide event, the Commencement Committee is currently seeking faculty and staff volunteers to serve as Commencement Hosts and Candidate Assistants for each ceremony.

As a **Commencement Host**, your task will be to greet guests, distribute programs, and assist with guest seating. To volunteer as a Commencement Host, please click [here](#).

As a **Candidate Assistant**, you will need to ensure that students are in the correct college seating area, ensure each student has a GradPass, that college rows have an equal number of students in addition to other assigned duties throughout the ceremony. To volunteer as a Candidate Assistant, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your support of this important university event! We look forward to providing the best experience possible for our graduates and their guests.

Visit <https://news.georgiasouthern.edu/my/2022/03/23/volunteers-needed-for-spring-2022-commencement/> for more information.

2. Cybersecurity Training must be completed by the end of April

Regular cybersecurity training is one of our best resources for protecting ourselves and the University against these threats, which is why it remains a top priority for the University System of Georgia.

In keeping with its mission to protect the data entrusted to us, the USG requires that all employees must complete cybersecurity awareness training twice annually, in April and October.

This course must be completed by Friday, April 29. Read the steps below to learn how to complete your training course and download your certificate of completion.

USG Cybersecurity Training Course

Step 1: Click on the "Cybersecurity Training" link in the Training tile in your MyGS portal.

Step 2: On the training dashboard, click the "Go to Training" button to get started.

Step 3: Click the "Start" button and progress through the video portion of the training.

Step 4: Complete the 5-question quiz and click "Exit Course" when you've finished.

3. Volunteers needed for Operation Move-In

Have fun and participate in a great GS tradition by volunteering for Operation Move-In on the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses on August 5.

Operation Move-In is a collaborative effort for faculty, staff, student and community volunteers to assist in welcoming our students back to campus. Volunteers assist in getting our students back into the residence halls by meeting and greeting families, answering questions, monitoring elevator traffic, unloading cars, and many other activities that go into moving about 4,000 students into the residence halls in just a few hours! We would love to have you be a part of this True Blue Tradition.

Volunteers greet new students and families to campus, help students remove items in their vehicles and assist with moving those items to their rooms, all while also leaving a good impression with new students, family and friends who are dealing with a potentially emotional time in their lives.

[Faculty and staff can sign up online.](#)

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 an online FAQ at <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/2021/08/31/covid-testing-information/>.