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### 1. Help prepare for Memorial Day observances May 16 - June 1

The Military & Veteran Services office will place memorial flags to honor the courageous service of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while in the Armed Forces for our nation.

We encourage you to submit a tag of remembrance to honor the courage and sacrifice bestowed upon our fallen service members. To submit a memorial, please [fill out the form online](#).

### 2. Workers still needed for commencement ceremonies

As commencement is a respected University-wide event, the Commencement Committee is still seeking faculty and staff 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](#).

The [University's commencement website](#) has updated details about each ceremony, including information about speakers and parking in Savannah and Statesboro.

### 3. Retirement consulting appointments available virtually and on campus April 27, 2022

As employees of the USG system, you have financial consultants available to you for advice on your optional retirement plan or a supplemental retirement plan (403b, Roth 403b, 457b, Roth 457b). Dedicated representatives are focused on and understand the USG retirement benefits. Consultants are available to you virtually, and a few consultants are now available for face-to-face appointments. Please reach out to our vendors to review your current account or to start a new one!

AIG Retirement Services: Available to you for financial advising and retirement.

- Armstrong Campus: click [HERE](#) for virtual scheduling or [HERE](#) for in person
- Liberty Campus: click [HERE](#) for virtual scheduling or reach out to Doug Burnett at (912) 898-1650 for an in-person appointment
- Statesboro Campus: click [HERE](#) for virtual scheduling or [HERE](#) for in person

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### 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/>.