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1. Changes coming to GS COVID-19 reporting, monitoring

After nine consecutive weeks of 25 or fewer total COVID-19 cases within the University and low community levels for Bulloch, Chatham and Liberty counties, Georgia Southern will be changing how it monitors and reports COVID-19 at the University starting on Monday.

Georgia Southern will continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 virus and is committed to ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Offering vaccines and boosters on campus
- Offering COVID-19 testing options on campus
- Regularly monitoring local spread, impact, and policies related to the COVID-19 virus

Information and resources will continue to be housed at <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information/>, and [reports of a positive test result or close contact with a confirmed case should still be made to the university](#). We will discontinue publicly posting the COVID-19 Exposure and Health Alert numbers.

For questions, help, or support for your individual situation, please contact the Dean of Students office (if you are a student) or HR (if you are an employee).

2. Vaccine shots and boosters remain available on campus

COVID-19 shots continue to be available on campus. This week, appointments are available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Statesboro Campus, Monday through Friday, at Health Services. We will not have a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Armstrong on May 11 and will restart on May 18.

For the summer semester, the Armstrong Campus will continue to have COVID-19 vaccine clinics every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Statesboro Campus will offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Health Services from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

3. All units are encouraged to host events/activities during Eagle Experience

The Eagle Experience continues to take shape as we move into the summer. [The Eagle Experience is a University-wide commitment to transitioning new students](#) so they are prepared for academic and social success and feel a sense of belonging at Georgia Southern.

All departments/areas/units are highly encouraged to host events/activities during the start of the term with The Eagle Experience to showcase your services and build relationships with students. The more of us welcoming students to Georgia Southern, the better.

Important Dates:

- August 5: Operation Move-In (Statesboro & Armstrong Campuses)
- August 7-9: Key Programming Days for The Eagle Experience
- August 10: First Day of Classes
- August 10-31: Abundance of Programs/Events/Activities from Departments across GS

The days between move-in and the first day of classes are themed to help direct focus on topics critical to student success and transition. Consider the themes and how your department's purpose and scope may fit into one or more of the days. For more information, visit <https://news.georgiasouthern.edu/my/2022/05/04/planning-underway-for-summer-and-fall-2022-the-eagle-experience/>.

4. COVID-19 testing 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.

Beginning on May 16, the Statesboro Campus testing site will relocate to the Health Services Building, but the Armstrong Campus will remain the same.

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/>.

5. Registration for USG Renew Program now open

Registration is open for Renew, a 4-week program hosted by the University System of Georgia designed to refresh your mind and body, clarify purpose and strengthen your relationships.

Whether you reinforce current healthy habits, apply new strategies or a little of both, consistent practice will yield the highest benefits. You'll select activities most relevant and important to you in four interest areas: boost happiness, create calm, sharpen focus and increase energy.

Activities include meditation, journaling, outdoor movement, healthy eating and more. See below for important dates, and [go online to register or for more information](#).

Program begins: Monday, May 16

Last day to register: Friday, May 20

Program ends: Sunday, June 12

Last day to complete tracking is Wednesday, June 15