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A few things you should know this week Communications



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to GS-FacStaff

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As we start the Fall 2022 semester, University Communications and Marketing will again begin our weekly tradition of sending "A few things you should know this week" to faculty and staff.

>>Updated COVID-19 guidance for this semester

The university will continue to provide [free COVID-19 testing](#) and [vaccines](#) to our faculty, staff and students. Vaccine offerings include primary doses and booster doses. Remember, COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free, and help protect people from getting severely ill or hospitalized with COVID-19, as well as protect those around them.

- If you experience [any symptoms of COVID-19](#), get tested immediately.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please complete the university's online [Health Reporting Form](#), located within the MyGS portal. The form will provide the next steps for isolation. You should also reach out to your supervisor directly.
- Close contacts no longer need to report exposure through the Health Reporting Form. However, it is recommended you wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after exposure and seek testing after at least 5 days have passed since your most recent exposure or sooner if you develop symptoms.
- Questions should be submitted to Human Resources at hrrservice@georgiasouthern.edu.

Remember, you can help [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#) – and many other communicable diseases – by washing your hands thoroughly, covering your cough and sneezes, cleaning high-touch surfaces regularly, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

For more information, please visit <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/covid-19/>.

>>GS Behavioral Assessment Team (BAT) is available to identify resources and appropriate interventions

Any member of the campus community may become aware of a person of concern or situation that is causing serious anxiety, stress or fear. It is the responsibility of faculty, staff and students to immediately refer any situation that could possibly result in harm to anyone at the University. The [Behavioral Assessment Team \(BAT\) at Georgia Southern University](#) meets regularly to assess and create action plans for students or student groups who present disturbing behavior in our community.

The team members are responsible for identifying students or student groups who display disruptive behavior, offering suggestions on how to manage the behavior or student crisis, and implementing a plan to manage and/or resolve the situation. Any campus community member may refer a student or student group to the Behavior Assessment Team, using the designated [referral form](#) or through any member of the team.

If there is ever an immediate threat to life or property or a medical emergency, please contact the University Police or dial 911.

>>State of Georgia Government Vehicle Insurance ID Card is available online

The State of Georgia Government Vehicle Liability Insurance Identification Card, which was effective July 1, 2022, is now available online for printing at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qAWF8aCvsZ47vaR3JyqWdiCLSADpYGW0/view?usp=sharing>

The cards should be placed in each state vehicle and should be presented as insurance verification. Employees who use personal vehicles while engaging in official University business should also keep a card in their vehicle in case of an accident.

[More information is available online.](#)

>>Please be aware of projects and office moves around our campuses

As we begin the Fall 2022 semester, please be aware that there are several major projects happening around our campuses that have temporarily caused some offices to move.

Projects will kick off soon to renovate the second floor of the Williams Center on the Statesboro campus, and the second floor of the Memorial College Center on the Armstrong campus in Savannah. [See all the projects and office moves here.](#)

Remember, [maps of all our campuses are always online.](#)

If you have information* you would like included in the "A few things to remember this week"* email (distributed on Mondays), send a request to communications@georgiasouthern.edu by Friday at 9 a.m. the week before.

*Information should be of a very broad general interest that will appeal to the majority of faculty and staff. Event notices will be limited, should be of a very broad general interest to all employees, and must be listed at <https://calendar.georgiasouthern.edu/>. All requests will be evaluated by University Communications and Marketing and may be included in the "Your Midweek Memo" (distributed on Wednesdays) instead or in addition to "A few things to remember this week."

Periodic emails of "A few things Eagles need to know now..." also will be sent to students on an irregular basis. Send student-focused requests** to communications@georgiasouthern.edu

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