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>>>Faculty and Staff Benefit and Wellness Fair is this week

The Department of Human Resources will be hosting its annual Benefits and Wellness Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Armstrong Center on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and on Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Nessmith Lane Center on the Statesboro Campus. This drop-in event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both campuses.

Vendors, including Aflac, AIG Retirement Services, Delta Dental, EyeMed, Fidelity, Kepro, MetLife, TIAA, and more, will be at the Fair, along with several campus departments and many local medical offices and businesses. Wellness screenings are also available at each campus.

The HR Benefits team will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding wellbeing and the upcoming benefits enrollment for the new 2023 calendar year. Many door prizes, as well as other giveaways, will be available to all faculty and staff. For more details, please visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/BenefitsFair.

>>>Parking lot behind Marvin Pittman Building on Statesboro Campus to close temporarily this week

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, the construction work for a suite in the Marvin Pittman Administrative Building will require the use of a crane to remove an HVAC unit. This will require a portion of the back parking lot to be blocked off for access and safety. Please use caution when in this area of campus. This was originally scheduled for last week, but delayed because of high winds.

Due to the risk of damage to vehicles parked in the area of construction, we have coordinated with Parking and Transportation to close this area for the day.

Thank you for your patience during this process. Please contact project manager Sandi Wilkinson at 912-478-5752 with any questions.

>>>Remember on-campus resources available for students' well-being

October is depression and mental health awareness month and we are reminding employees and students about the wide array of services Georgia Southern has available for its students.

Please remind students that their [GS community is ready to wrap resources around them](#) and that a 24/7 support line is available to them through their stressful times.

If they need a same-day appointment for an urgent issue, the Georgia Southern Counseling Center can schedule a same-day solution session. The Counseling Center is always available to help students. Call 912-478-5541 (Statesboro) or 912-344-2529 (Armstrong/Liberty) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students can also [view a more extensive list of resources \(including additional 24 hour resources\) online](#). As a reminder, [the Counseling Center](#) has a variety of virtual drop-in workshops and other resources.

In addition to the Counseling Center services, the University System of Georgia has partnered with Christie Campus Health for free individual counseling services to students from anywhere in the world; they can be contacted at 1-833-910-3369 or through gswellnesshub.com

Also remember that the [university created a "HERO Folder" \(Helping Eagles Recognize Distress and Offer Support\)](#) to provide tools to recognize individuals in distress and connect them with appropriate resources.

>>>Georgia Southern Now Home to Three Free COVID-19 PCR Testing Kiosks

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) has placed three COVID-19 testing kiosks on Georgia Southern University's campuses in Statesboro, Hinesville and Savannah, allowing access to free COVID-19 testing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The testing kiosks are located in central locations, including outside the Student Union on the Armstrong Campus, in the alcove that faces Memorial Drive on the Liberty Campus, and outside the University Bookstore on the Statesboro Campus.

Pre-registration for testing at the kiosks is not required, but available at <https://register.testandgo.com/>. The specimens are picked up daily and sent to an accredited lab for PCR testing.

For more information about COVID-19 testing and vaccines available at Georgia Southern University, visit <https://auxiliary.georgiasouthern.edu/healthservices/covid-19/>