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# A few things you should know this week | Jan. 9, 2023

Inbox

**Communications and Marketing** <communications@georgiasouthern.edu> 9:24AM (3 hours ago)

to GS-FacStaff

*As we start the Spring 2023 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.*

## >>> COVID-19 information

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.

### On-Campus COVID-19 Testing Options

- **COVID-19 Testing Kiosks.** Free walk-up testing remains available at our 24/7 PCR testing kiosks. Kiosks are located in central areas on each of our campuses, including at the Armstrong Campus Student Union, the Statesboro Campus University Bookstore, and the Liberty Campus Memorial Drive entrance.
- **In-House Rapid Testing.** Symptomatic students may schedule an appointment with their Health Services provider for evaluation and in-house rapid testing on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses. Appointments can be scheduled online through the patient portal, Eagle OSH.
- **At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits.** At-home test kits are available in the Health Services Pharmacy on the Statesboro Campus. These tests are a convenient and affordable option for students, faculty, and staff, with most insurance plans covering the full cost of the tests (up to 8 tests per person per month).

### On-Campus COVID-19 Vaccination

- **Statesboro.** COVID-19 vaccination is currently offered through the Health Services Pharmacy. No appointment required - just walk in!

Pharmacy Immunization Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- **Armstrong.** COVID-19 vaccination will be offered in Health Services (located in the Student Services Annex) on Wednesdays. Appointments can be scheduled online through the patient portal, Eagle OSH.

All of this information and more is available online at [georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information](https://georgiasouthern.edu/covid-19-information).

### **>>> 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 University Police or dial 911.

### **>>> Investigating & Reporting Employee Malfeasance**

The start of the year is a good time to remind faculty and staff of the internal processes as it relates to the reporting and investigation of alleged unethical behavior including fraud, waste, abuse and other wrongdoing. These processes and policies are important to ensure that we maintain an ethical culture and properly safeguard the USG's teaching, research and service mission.

- Affirmative Duty to Reporting Wrongdoing**  
 All employees have an affirmative duty to report wrongdoing. Wrongdoing is defined as violations of Georgia Southern and USG policies, state or federal law, violations of ethical and professional conduct and fraud, waste or abuse. If you believe you have witnessed wrongdoing, you are *required* to report this to Georgia Southern's Office of Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance.
- How to Make a Report**  
 Georgia Southern's Internal Audit Department has the primary responsibility for the investigation of employee malfeasance including, but not limited to, fraud, waste and abuse. Accordingly, incidents of employee malfeasance may be made directly to that Office or may be derived from the Ethics Hotline or another reporting mechanism. [Georgia Southern's Ethics and Compliance Reporting Hotline information is available online.](#)
- Investigation of Institutional Executive Leadership**  
 The USG Office of Ethics and Compliance has the primary responsibility for investigating reported malfeasance involving institutional senior leaders. Allegations against an institution's president or their direct reports should be reported to the [USG Ethics and Compliance Reporting Hotline.](#)

For additional details, please reference USG policy on [reporting wrongdoing](#) or contact Georgia Southern's [Office of Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance](#)

*If you have information\* you would like included in the "A few things you should know this week"\* email (distributed on Mondays), send a request to [communications@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto: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](mailto:communications@georgiasouthern.edu)*

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