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Return to Campus Resources

Plans announced for Phases 2 and 3 of returning to full operations
Plans for Phases 2 and 3 were announced via ArchNews on July 7. If you have not had the opportunity to review these plans, which include the dates employees should return to work, please do so as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Student Educational and Response Team (CO-SERT)
The COVID-19 Student Educational and Response Team (CO-SERT) is a temporary collaborative team at UGA, charged and led by Student Affairs, to provide a central point of contact, review, and response or referral on identified questions and concerns involving students and COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. Questions and concerns from faculty, staff, and
community members related to students and COVID-19 health and safety guidelines may be submitted to askstudentaffairs@uga.edu.

More Information

UGA thermometers' availability and use
Thermometers for UGA faculty and staff are now available for departments to order. While they are provided at no charge to employees, departments do need to place an order for them. When you receive your thermometer, please note that the default setting is Celsius. Hold the button down for four seconds to change the setting to Fahrenheit.

Faculty and staff training module now available
Protect UGA is a new required training module faculty and staff must complete before returning to campus on or by August 10, 2020. The training provides faculty and staff with information about the measures UGA is implementing to create a safe and healthy environment, as well as COVID-19 related Human Resources Policies and Procedures. The training also provides basic information about COVID-19 and emphasizes the personal responsibility each member of the campus community has in creating a safe and healthy working environment. Instructions for accessing the training module will be sent this week.

Facilities Management Division offers guidance and resources for maintaining a safe work environment

- The Facilities Management Division (FMD) is taking many measures to help keep our students, faculty, and staff safe as we all return to campus; however, we need your help in preparing any appliance that provides water for consumption in offices, break rooms, work areas, or conference rooms. Please click here for information related to appliances that provide water for consumption.
- With the number of campus customer requests for facility restroom locks, FMD has released information for departments.
- The first shipment of sanitation wipes/buckets and stands has been received, and the materials are being assembled and distributed to campus. For more installation updates, follow UGA Maintenance on Twitter.

Campus Operations
Use UGA transportation safely
Transportation and Parking Services is working carefully to ensure we all return to a safe and healthy environment. Learn more about the safety and
sanitation procedures you should expect to see on UGA buses this fall by watching this short video.

Watch Video

Instruction

Using the eLC effectively
We encourage faculty to take advantage of the resources provided for learning to use eLC:

- The Center for Teaching and Learning maintains help.elc.uga.edu to offer just-in-time resources to help with common tasks faculty need to complete in eLC.
- LinkedIn Learning’s Learning Brightspace by D2L course will help faculty learn the functionality that eLC has to offer. This course has also been curated by the Office of Online Learning to provide choices for how faculty would like to consume the course.
- The Brightspace YouTube channel offers quick overview videos for a variety of the tools and functions available on the platform, from both an instructor and student point of view.

If faculty need technical assistance or troubleshooting help with eLC they have a variety of options:

- Submit a helpdesk ticket with EITS (UGA’s helpdesk)
  Phone Number: 706-542-3106
  Hours: Weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Weekends: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Submit a helpdesk ticket with the GaView helpdesk (USG’s system-level helpdesk)
  Phone Number: 1-855-772-0423
  Hours: 24x7x365
- Reach out to your unit contact listed on the eLC Help contact page.

Preparing to Pivot cohort starts soon
A self-paced version of this class, which serves as a faculty guide to teaching this fall, is now available. A new cohort for the class will begin on July 27. Register for the self-paced and cohort versions below.

Register for Preparing to Pivot

Outreach: PS&O and Extension
Small businesses continue to look for assistance through SBDC
Between March 1 and July 5, 2020, the UGA Small Business Development Center assisted 2,800 businesses in Georgia, hosted webinars that drew 11,613 participants, fielded more than 8,700 phone calls and helped businesses secure 451 loans totaling $61.4 million.

Research

Phase 2 Research Resumption Requirements
Phase 2 will see the continuation of Phase 1 research requirements (with some modifications; please consult the Research Resumption Requirements for details). Onsite research activities may only be conducted under an approved Research Resumption Plan (RRP). Faculty/principal investigators who began onsite research in Phase 1 may continue under an approved Phase 1 RRP so long as it addresses all research activities, personnel and onsite spaces, as well as applicable requirements. However, faculty/principal investigators wishing to add personnel or make other adjustments in Phase 2 should revise and resubmit their RRP for approval.

Resources for Students

SGA hosts summer town halls
The Student Government Association Senate is hosting a Summer Townhall Series on a variety of topics. During each themed session, a panel of campus leaders will address previously submitted questions from students and their families.

Return to Campus Documents

- Plans for Phased Return to Full Operations
- Return to Campus Guidelines for Faculty and Staff
- Research Resumption Resources
- Communication Resources (Signage and Graphics)
- UGA COVID-19 Website

Have feedback?
To suggest additional topics for future email digests, complete this form.