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## **UGA Expands COVID-19 Surveillance Testing**

Free surveillance testing for COVID-19 is being offered at Legion Pool, by appointment, to members of the UGA community who are asymptomatic. The purpose of surveillance testing is to monitor the current state of the pandemic to enable healthcare leaders to plan accordingly. The goal is to test 300 volunteers daily. COVID-19 testing is also offered to students with symptoms at the University Health Center.

[Register for a Screening Appointment](#)

## **Remember to Use DawgCheck**

Check your symptoms each day through DawgCheck. If you are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID, you should contact your Primary Care Provider for guidance.

## Decoded: Making Sense of COVID Screening Terms

We have several tools in place to help screen and test for COVID-19. They are all in place to keep the campus safe and healthy, but it can get confusing. Here are the differences among symptomatic testing, surveillance testing and DawgCheck.

- **Symptomatic Testing:** Symptomatic testing does just that— tests people who have symptoms of COVID-19. If you are a student and are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID, contact the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162. If you are a faculty or staff member, you should contact your primary care provider for guidance.
- **Surveillance Testing (for Asymptomatic Individuals):** Surveillance is testing a sample of a population (in this case, the UGA community) to understand more about the virus and its presence on campus. One of the important characteristics of COVID-19 is that it can infect individuals who remain asymptomatic, but who may spread the virus to others. Surveillance testing is voluntary and free to participants. If you are currently healthy and not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, [register here](#) for an appointment.
- **DawgCheck:** Self-reporting is critical to help UGA assess and respond to risks and exposure on campus. [DawgCheck](#) allows you to track symptoms related to COVID-19 and report a positive test if you receive one. If you have symptoms, DawgCheck will provide you with some basic guidance on the next steps to take. By submitting a positive test result through DawgCheck, UGA will automatically contact you and assist you with next steps. It's important to complete DawgCheck every day—even if you feel well and have no COVID-19 symptoms—so the University community can have the clearest picture of campus health and wellness related to COVID-19.

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## Campus Operations

### Faculty/Staff Meal Plans on Sale for the Academic Year

The Faculty/Staff meal plan is available to full-time benefit eligible faculty and staff members. It is a 10-block plan that allows participants to have 10 meals from any of the five dining commons for only \$9.29 per meal plus 8% tax (\$101.52 per 10-blocks). Faculty and staff may use post-tax payroll deduction to purchase the meal plan. Additional blocks can be purchased in 10-block increments at any time. Block plans do not expire and are non-refundable.

Participants will be able to visit a residential dining location and take food to-

go, order ahead and pick up with Grubhub, or dine in by making a reservation through Grubhub. Please note that menu items through the Grubhub pick-up option may vary from our to-go and dine-in options, meaning you will receive a wider selection of meal items by choosing to visit our locations and take food to-go or making a dining reservation. To read about our temporary dining adjustments in response to coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit our [notifications page](#).

### [Read More About Faculty/Staff Meal Plans](#)

#### **Vending Services**

Vending machines continue to be restocked and cleaned on a regular basis. Please use the Vending Feedback Form, which is accessible via a QR code on each machine, to report any issues.

#### **Reminder: New Bus Routes**

Remember to familiarize yourself with the new UGA bus routes. A limited number of buses are servicing the new routes Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Regular weekday, night and weekend service is set to resume Aug. 20, 2020. Please be aware that UGA bus routes are currently being updated in the UGA app. New route information may be viewed at <https://tps.uga.edu/routechanges>. Live route information is available at [routes.uga.edu](https://routes.uga.edu).

#### **Reminder: Parking Permits in Effect**

As a reminder, parking permits are currently in effect. Please ensure your vehicle is parked in its appropriate location to avoid any citations. No action is needed for those with License Plate Recognition (LPR) permits, which automatically activated on Aug. 1. Hang tag and sticker permits have been mailed to the respective permit holders and should be appropriately displayed in vehicles prior to parking on campus.

#### **Links for updates and operations status**

- [Dining Services](#) keeps its website current with regular updates and FAQs.
- [Transportation and Parking Services](#) keeps its website current with regular updates.

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## **Instruction**

### **Gearing Up for the First Week of Classes**

Vice President for Instruction Rahul Shrivastav shared important updates, resources and tips with faculty last week to prepare for the first week of classes. His update included:

- Classroom health and safety measures
- Planning resources including [Fall 2020 Teaching Resources](#)
- Instructional tips for all teaching approaches
- Experiential learning guidelines
- Updates regarding common areas for instruction

Read "Gear Up for the First Week of Classes" Message

## Outreach: PS&O and Extension

### Restaurants at the UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel Reopen Full Time This Week

The Bulldog Bistro and the Savannah Room restaurant in the UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel on South Campus will reopen full time on August 20. The Bulldog Bistro will be open 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. every day; and the Savannah Room restaurant will be open for lunch, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and dinner, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. every day. Masks are required when ordering. Fill out this [online form](#) or text GEORGIACENTER to 22828 from your phone to receive weekday menus. For more information go to [Bulldog Bistro](#) or [Savannah Room](#).

## Resources for Students

### Virtual Freshman Welcome is August 19 at 7 p.m. on YouTube

The Virtual Freshman Welcome video will premiere on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. on the [UGA YouTube channel](#) and will feature community leaders including President Jere Morehead, coaches, and the presidents of both the Student Government Association and the Student Alumni Council presidents. The link will be provided on August 19 on the [master calendar](#).

## References and Links

- [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?

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