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Unsung Heroes

The University of Georgia would like to thank some of its outstanding staff members who have played an essential role in keeping UGA running smoothly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each week, we will profile a staff member who has gone to extraordinary lengths to support our teaching, research and public service mission during this challenging time. Our first two heroes are [Ronald Bernard](#), a front line cook in the University of Georgia's Savannah Room, and [Lindsay Coco](#), assistant director for initiatives in the University of Georgia's Division of Academic Enhancement where she works with students from low income families, first generation students and rural students.

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Campus Operations

Sign Up for Surveillance Testing – Get Free Stuff!

Visit the [surveillance testing portal](#) via the University Health Center's website to schedule an appointment for asymptomatic testing at Legion Field. With our increased capacity, we are often able to accommodate same day appointments. In cases where there is same-day availability, Legion Field staff will accept walk-up appointments. Individuals will need to register onsite, but the likelihood is that they will be accommodated.

***Last week, participants received a free BOGO card for Jittery Joe's, and participants can now enjoy free Starbucks coffee and tea in line at the Legion field site. This week, participants are receiving Chick-fil-A coupon cards, and next week participants will receive a \$5 "Be Our Guest" coupon for UGA Food Services retail locations. Stay tuned for updates on giveaways for future weeks, including specially designed masks and t-shirts, courtesy of the President's Venture Fund!

In Addition to Legion Field Testing, Pop-up Surveillance Testing Available Across Campus

Free, walk-in, asymptomatic-only testing is available for all UGA community members, brought to you in partnership with the College of Public Health and AU/UGA.

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Health Sciences Campus, George Hall
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Georgia Center, Mahler Hall at the #flUGA Mobile Clinic

Bring your UGA ID. Do not eat, drink or smoke/chew tobacco 30 minutes before your test. (These tests are saliva-based, different from the nasopharyngeal swabs used at the Legion Field site.)

[Register for Surveillance Testing at Legion Field](#)

Remember to Check your Symptoms Before Coming to Campus

Find Library Books or Request Pickup

A new tool on the [UGA libraries' website](#) helps people retrieve books while social distancing.

The Stackmaps tool has been integrated into the GIL Find system on the Libraries' website, libs.uga.edu. For books available at the Main and Science Libraries for checkout, patrons can click "map it" and find a guide that helps them navigate the library stacks to the location of the materials they need.

Faculty and students also are encouraged to request that books be retrieved and held for check out at the circulation desk of the library of their choice. The service, which also is available through the GIL Find system, includes materials from the Main and Science Libraries; branches in Art; Music; Curriculum Materials at the College of Education; Owens Library at the

College of Environment and Design; and the libraries at the Griffin and Tifton campuses. Additional pickup locations include the Vet Med Reading Room, the Carnegie Library on the Health Sciences Campus and the library on the Gwinnett UGA campus, as well as any library location in the University System of Georgia, if preferred.

The tool and the service are two examples of how faculty and students can take advantage of library services this fall. [Click here](#) for more information on how policies and services have adapted due to COVID-19.

Cook's Holiday

Every year, Dining Services looks forward to coming together with the campus community to enjoy festive food, music and decorations at the annual Cook's Holiday event. In order to focus on recommended safety guidelines and to ensure meal plan service for students who rely on our dining facilities, we believe not holding this year's event is the best decision for our campus community. This will be the first time in over 30 years that Cook's Holiday will not be held, and we know this will disappoint many people. This was an incredibly difficult decision but one that we hope you understand.

Our chefs have hand-selected six signature recipes to share with you in hopes you will enjoy these recipes and bring Cook's Holiday into your own home over the holiday season.

[View Recipes](#)

Human Resources

Virtual Benefits Fair

USG will hold a virtual benefits fair from Oct. 19 – Oct. 23. Please take this opportunity to view live events, chat with vendors and get benefits information. Registration for the fair and specific live events is available on the [Virtual Benefits Fair website](#).

Biometric Screening and Flu Shot Clinics

UGA will hold a biometric screening clinic and a flu shot clinic this year on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Georgia Center in Mahler Hall. Please schedule your appointment time to help manage social distancing for these on-site clinics.

- A biometric screening is an easy way to check in on important health measures such as cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. Knowing your numbers is key to getting you on the path to improving your well-being. Plus, earn \$50 in 2021 well-being credits for participating!

- Flu shots can help everyone stay healthier during flu season. Protect yourself and those around you by getting vaccinated. Plus, earn \$10 in 2021 well-being credits for getting your flu shot.

Who can participate?

- On-site Biometric Screening: Employees and spouses covered under any USG healthcare plan.
- On-site Flu Shot: Employees and spouses covered on an Anthem healthcare plan.
 - Kaiser Permanente members: Please visit a Kaiser Permanente medical facility for your no-cost flu shot. For information about locations and hours, visit kp.org/flu.

To schedule an appointment:

The employee carrying USG health insurance should login to the USG Well-being platform (select Manage My Benefits, then the USG Well-being tile) with Virgin Pulse. Navigate to the Programs page and select View All from the left menu bar.

- Biometric Screening: From the Programs page, scroll down to Wellness Corporate Solutions Biometric Screenings and select Start Now to register your appointment.
- Flu Shots: From the Programs page, find Flu Shots, select “Show More,” and download the 2021 Flu Shot Calendar to schedule your on-site appointment.

Please bring your ID, your health insurance card and a facial covering/mask. Facial coverings/masks are required. A driver’s license is the preferred method of ID; UGA ID will also be accepted.

Virtual Open Enrollment Office Hours with University Human Resources Benefits

Open enrollment office hours will be held via Zoom as indicated below. During office hours you may log in to a Zoom session and chat with a benefits staff member.

- [Thursday, Oct. 22, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, Oct. 27, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, Oct. 29, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, Nov. 5, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.](#)

For full open enrollment details, please visit the USG website:
at oneusgconnect.usg.edu.

Outreach: PS&O and Extension

UGA Extension Offers Gardening Webinars and Backyard Poultry Basics

Many Georgians have started to grow and produce their own food during the coronavirus pandemic. This week, UGA Cooperative Extension offers virtual webinars on [backyard poultry basics](#), [soil health](#) and [establishing a rain garden](#).

See extension.uga.edu/calendar for more local and virtual events.

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](#)