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Unsung Heroes

[Jenney Roundtree](#), this week's Unsung Hero, is an occupational health nurse at the University of Georgia's Office of Research Integrity & Safety Support Services, and spends part of her days fielding calls from people worried or confused about COVID. She has also been making sure our front-line workers are protected in the pandemic—getting them fitted properly in N95 masks and arranging flu shots. For Jenney Roundtree, the safety of the UGA community is “all in a day's work.”

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Campus Operations

Revised CDC Definition of Close Contact – Cumulative Exposure Less Than 6 Feet Matters

Brief but frequent breaches in maintaining 6 feet of separation can add up. Evidence has emerged that COVID-19 transmission can occur when the sum reaches 15 minutes or more within a day (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

This cumulative effect has caused the CDC to refine its definition of a “close contact” accordingly. While this can happen to anyone, it is particularly applicable to those who have friend, work or study groups that spend a significant amount of their day together. Quantifying time spent within 6 feet of others will likely be very challenging for those who contract COVID-19, and, by extension, to contact tracers.

UGA’s Medical Oversight Task Force encourages all of us to be proactive and be particularly mindful of the truly protective benefit gained through consistent adherence to physical distancing guidelines. To read the full CDC guidance on the revised definition of close contact, [click here](#).

Sign Up for Surveillance Testing – Get Free Stuff!

Visit dawgcheck.uga.edu 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 on-site, but the likelihood is that they will be accommodated. The testing site will still be operating on Friday, Oct. 30 during Fall Break.

***For the remainder of this week, we are giving away free "I AM GEORGIA STRONG" t-shirts, while supplies last. Next week, participants will receive specially designed, limited-edition “Beat Florida” shirts – just in time for the big game! Stay tuned for updates on giveaways for future weeks, including specially designed masks and coupons for dining on campus, courtesy of the President’s Venture Fund! The testing site will still be operating on Friday, Oct. 30 during Fall Break.

Register for Surveillance Testing at Legion Field

Remember to Check your Symptoms Before Coming to Campus

Serving up Savings at Starbucks

For a limited time, you can get a hot drip brewed coffee or regular iced coffee for 50% off with the purchase of one breakfast sandwich at Starbucks in the Tate Student Center.

OR

Buy one, get one half off any handcrafted beverage at Starbucks in the Tate Student Center from Oct. 26 – Oct. 30 until 6:00 p.m. (exclusions apply, must be of equal or lesser value).

New Menu Items Coming to Bolton Dining Commons

From sizzling, flavorful stir-fry dishes to fresh, customizable salads, a variety of new menu items will soon be available to meal plan customers at Bolton Dining Commons. Changes will be implemented through a phased approach and ensure safety and social distancing procedures are maintained. All enhancements are anticipated to be in place by Fall Break. Enhancements include:

- Opening Lemon Grass Kitchen to serve select entrées and sides.
- Opening Tanyard Grill to serve cooked to order burgers, veggie burgers and fries.
- Opening Sunrise Café to serve select breakfast items until 2 p.m.
- Opening coffee stations.
- Opening Hickory and Oak to serve smoked bbq and macaroni and cheese daily.
- Adding a fresh, customizable salad section to the Corner Market.
- Adding a fresh, customizable deli section to the Corner Market.

To focus on increasing variety, Dining Services will transition the Grubhub grab-and-go menu out of Bolton and is encouraging customers to visit the Quick Market near Creswell/Boggs Hall for a larger assortment of grab-and-go options. The Quick Market accepts both all-access and commuter block meal plans. All enhancements will go into effect prior to Fall Break.

View menus up to 10 days in advance at [Build Your Plate](#).

Human Resources

Reminder of Benefits Open Enrollment

Benefits open enrollment is going on now through 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020. This is an **ACTIVE** enrollment year which means **action will be required** on your part.

Important note: The EITS Single Sign-On (SSO) maintenance will occur on Friday, Oct. 30 from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m., and will potentially impact your ability to login for benefits open enrollment during this four-hour period. For timely updates on the status of the maintenance, please visit status.uga.edu.

Attend Open Enrollment Virtual Open Office Hours

University Human Resources is holding open enrollment virtual open office hours for faculty and staff. Please log on by clicking on the [Zoom link](#) during the following session times, and chat private questions or speak directly with a benefits staff member.

- Oct. 27, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For full open enrollment details (including the 2020 USG Comparison Guide), please visit the [USG website](#).

Shared Sick Leave Open Enrollment

Shared sick leave open enrollment will also take place during the open enrollment period from now until 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. Employees must meet the following criteria to be eligible to join:

- Completed the provisional employment period
- Donate a minimum of 8 hours from Oct. 21 – Nov. 6 (pro-rated based on FTE)
- Have a minimum of 48 hours sick leave as of Jan. 1, 2021 (pro-rated based on FTE)

If you are already a shared leave member, you are not required to donate again. For more information, visit the [Shared Leave Program website](#).

Outreach: PS&O and Extension

Let the Georgia Center Bring Meals to You

New offerings at the UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel include weekday delivery of Savannah Room favorites, a special Breakfast on the Run, campus catering and a ready-to-heat Thanksgiving feast.

- **Lunch deliveries**
The center is offering menu items from the Savannah Room restaurant Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with no delivery charge.
- **Breakfast on the Run**
Call ahead to order the [\\$5 Breakfast on the Run special](#), then just pull into the front circle of the Georgia Center to pick it up and be on your way. The menu offers a choice of breakfast sandwiches and morning beverage.
- **On-campus catering**
For a group meeting, staff retreat or just a meal for 10 or more people, the [newest catering menu](#) offers meals at a competitive price and delivers with the quality and service guests expect from the Georgia Center. Menu variations are available to accommodate all needs.

- **Thanksgiving feast**

For the first time, the Georgia Center is offering a ready-to-heat feast that will ensure that Thanksgiving is a huge hit. The pre-cooked [traditional Thanksgiving meal](#) will just need to be heated to serving temperature and will feed up to eight people. Pickup or delivery on Nov. 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

The staff at the Georgia Center hope you all have a safe and prosperous autumn.

Adding Financial Power to Your Week

UGA Cooperative Extension is offering a series of free personal finance webinars for the month of November, starting at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Topics include life insurance and retirement, health insurance basics, finding financial freedom and preparing for tax season. For more information, visit extension.uga.edu/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](#)