Dear Colleagues,

A number of you have asked about the college’s safety plan for in-person work in Fall 2021. In case you are not aware, I would like you to know that there is a safety plan in place, given that we have had a small number of in-person classes running this academic year. I urge you to take a look at the “Guidelines for Safe Campus Reopening” found at: https://www.laguardia.edu/coronavirus/phase-I-plan/

At this site you’ll find information on a number of questions that have been raised, including: distancing, masks, occupancy limits and congestion, cleaning and disinfection, screening, and tracking.

Regarding air quality, here is the status of upgrades to the College’s Air Handling Unit (AHU) Filters:

Currently, in E, M and C buildings, all areas approved for re-occupancy are at either MERV-13 or higher filtration. (MERV-13 or better are the recommended filters for existing HVAC units).

B Building will be ready for occupancy by Fall 2021. All HVAC units will have been retrofitted with MERV-13 filters no later than the end of August 2021. The issue of air filtration for atrium and corridors will be addressed by the landlord by summer.

More updates to follow. Best, Paul