Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff –

With Covid cases rising because of the new variant I wanted to provide an Update. Understandably, some faculty and staff have asked for clarifications of certain rules and protocols. I hope the information below is helpful. You may have noticed that we ended the weekly publication of the "Return to Campus Update" after 41 issues once we had, for the most part, returned to campus and the semester was proceeding at a normal clip. As we move ahead, you can anticipate additional "Updates", such as this one, on an as-needed basis. As always, please send me questions, concerns, and suggestions to PresidentAdams@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Reporting Positive Cases

All individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have any symptoms of Coronavirus should stay home, self-isolate, and immediately notify the College Coronavirus Designees using the applicable email. Please include your full name and contact number. In addition, employees should notify their supervisor(s).

- Employees: EmployeeReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu
- Students: StudentReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu

Please see additional details at https://www.laguardia.edu/campus-safety/#reporting. Note that a reminder with these instructions has also been sent to students.

Registration Holds

Fall registration opens Monday, April 25. Per a recent change in CUNY policy "Negative Service Indicators", or "Holds", will not be placed automatically on students that have not completed vaccine verification. Rather, as in prior semesters, all students will be permitted to register while we continue to communicate to those that still need to complete their verification. Those that fail to comply will have their on-campus and hybrid courses canceled before the start of the semester.

This is unchanged: Students that do not complete vaccine verification will not be permitted to attend on-campus classes (unless they have an approved religious exemption or medical exception).

LaGuardia Recommends Mask-Wearing

At a recent Labor-Management meeting chapter members suggested that LaGuardia take an assertive position on the importance of mask-wearing on campus. I think this is correct. Though the CUNY-wide mask mandate ended in March, we must ensure that LaGuardia remains a mask-friendly environment. Faculty are free to discuss mask-wearing with their students, but they cannot require it. Bottom line: *LaGuardia recommends mask-wearing.* We will post signs reaffirming this important health and safety precaution in the coming days. And, remember: free face masks are available at Public Safety posts at building entrances.

COVID Testing

All CUNY COVID Testing sites, including the one at LaGuardia, will be closed April 15 thru April 18; and will reopen on Tuesday April 19. If you participate in weekly testing please schedule your tests accordingly.
As a reminder, all CUNY faculty, staff, and students may test for free at any CUNY Testing site.

Happy Holidays and Stay Safe,

Kenneth Adams
President