

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff—

Almost Show Time—our Middle States Site Visit will take place virtually next month. We submit our 132-page Self-Rudy Report tomorrow. Please be on the lookout for updates and ways to get involved from our co-chairs, Reem Jaafar and Justin Rogers-Cooper.

Student Booster Shots: We are now just 30 days from the start of the spring semester. Students must be vaccinated to come to campus and, when eligible, have received booster shots. There is scant time left for unvaccinated students to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in order to comply with the requirement. Please share the <u>deadlines</u> and the newly updated <u>verification instructions</u> with students.

Vaccination Requirements for Faculty, Instructional Staff and ECPs: CUNY has recently announced that the Board of Trustees voted to authorize a vaccine mandate for faculty, non-teaching instructional staff and employees in the Executive Compensation Plan in compliance with a public policy directive issued by Governor Hochul on December 31. The policy requires all full- and part-time faculty, all non-teaching instructional staff (which includes, among others, NTAs, CLTs and those in the HEO series), and personnel in the Executive Compensation Plan, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to remain employed by the University, except if a medical exemption, religious exception or reasonable accommodation has been granted. Additional details about the policy and implementation will be made available soon.

<u>Vax Van</u>: We have arranged for the NYC Mobile Vaccination Bus to be on campus near the Van Dam Entrance on February 15, 16 and 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccinations will be available, including booster shots. The NYC Mobile Vaccination Bus is open to all members of the LaGuardia community and the public; no appointment is necessary.

New Hybrid and Remote Sections: Departments have added new hybrid and remote classes for Spring 22. They have been posted in CUNYfirst – please spread the word. Students have been emailed and sent text messages, and alerts have been posted to their My LaGuardia pages. Additional announcements are continuing on social media and other platforms.

Random Testing: Random testing is key to limiting the spread of COVID and enables us to monitor the infection rate on campus. We've added to the Q&A on our <u>website</u>; please have a look.

<u>Student Phone Call Campaign</u>: Yesterday Provost Paul Arcario sent out a call for volunteers to assist with contacting continuing students and encouraging them to register for the semester ahead. If you can help out, please <u>sign up</u> before 5 p.m. on Monday, February 7. Thank you!



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Above and Beyond Recognition: Three cheers for LaGuardia's essential workers! Last weekend these men and women braved frigid temperatures to clear the snow and ice from our entries, sidewalks, and parking lot to ensure that campus was ready for the week ahead. Many thanks to Carlos Black, Salvatore Carollo, Alicia Cazo, Liliana Chan, Andres Cortez, Lidia De Lamar, Mauricio Gonzalez, Luis Guerrero, Shuron Hurst, Erika Licea, Evelyn Lowmark, Earl Lopez, Monica Merenda, Emmy Meyreles, Francisco Morillo, John Primo, Carolina Rodriguez, Widmar Rojas, and William Tobon.

See the team in action here!

Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams President

