

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff—

Hope you get to enjoy today's welcome respite from the winter cold. Here's the latest:

<u>Updated Guidance from CUNY</u>: The <u>Spring 2022 Guidelines from CUNY</u> were updated earlier this week. A significant change is the elimination of required physical distancing in most settings for vaccinated individuals: "Because the majority of the CUNY community are expected to be vaccinated in the Spring 2022 semester (except for those granted medical or religious exemptions), physical distancing will not be a required safety measure for vaccinated individuals in classroom, educational and office settings. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to practice physical distancing."

This guidance also reflects recent changes including the student vaccine booster requirement and the vaccine requirement for faculty and staff. Note that the CUNY-wide mask mandate remains in effect with limited exceptions permitted.

CUNY recently published <u>Guidelines for Spring 2022 In-Person Commencement Ceremonies</u>. This guidance states that outdoor events (such as the one being planned for LaGuardia's 50th Commencement) do not have any vaccination or testing requirements, and that unvaccinated individuals will be asked to wear a mask at all times and maintain physical distancing.

<u>Vaccination Requirements for Faculty, Instructional Staff and ECPs</u>: In addition to the recently announced vaccination requirement for faculty, instructional staff including HEOs, and ECP staff, the policy will also extend to include Research Foundation employees at LaGuardia. Details regarding the implementation of this requirement are forthcoming.

<u>Vax Van Reminder</u>: The NYC Mobile Vaccination Bus will 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.

<u>Above and Beyond Recognition</u>: A big shout-out to our Middle States team, led by Reem Jaafar, Justin Rogers-Cooper and Nava Lerer for finalizing and submitting our Self Study last week. This monumental <u>document</u> reflects the hard work of all of the Middle States committee members, as well as our community at large, and the thoughtful process executed over the last two years to bring us to this stage in the reaccreditation process.

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Best wishes,

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