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Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff –

Please don't forget to [register](#) for Friday's Town Hall, starting at 10 a.m. on Zoom. I will be answering questions that have been submitted in reaction to my [Fall Report, and about any other issues you want to raise](#). Questions can be submitted through registration or live during the event. My thanks to Professor Rochell Isaac, chair of the faculty council, for joining me again as moderator. This week's updates:

Student Vaccination: One more time: students in in-person and hybrid classes are required to be vaccinated unless they have an approved exemption. Students must submit vaccination documentation by October 7 and be "[fully vaccinated](#)" by October 21.

Unfortunately, there are still over 1,000 LaGuardia students at risk of Administrative Withdrawal ("WA") grades for their in-person or hybrid classes on October 21. Details regarding the implementation of Administrative Withdrawals will be included in next week's update.

Tuesday afternoon several faculty participated in a student forum to address fears and concerns about vaccination. My thanks to Dr. Vanessa Bing who suggested the event after listening to concerns arising in her classes. You can view a recording of the forum [here](#).

Continuing Education Student Clarification: CUNY recently amended the Student Vaccination Policy to include non-degree and continuing education (ACE) students. The vaccination policy now applies to "any individual who has a regular physical presence on a CUNY campus or location in order to participate in an education program or activity, regardless of whether that program or activity is offered on a degree or non-degree basis and whether their records appear in CUNYfirst or not."

Students who have been fully vaccinated will be responsible for uploading proof of vaccination documentation:

- Continuing education students who have CUNYfirst accounts will be required to submit their documentation via CUNYfirst.
- Continuing education students who do not have CUNYfirst accounts will be required to submit their documentation via Cleared4. Students will be invited by email to submit their documentation via Cleared4.

Unvaccinated students may request a religious exemption or medical exception; the completed form should be sent to the campus's Local Vaccine Authority. Students with exemptions or students who are not fully vaccinated before October 21 will have to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past seven days to attend an in-person or hybrid class. CUNY continuing education students may take a COVID-19 test at any CUNY testing site, in which case their results will be automatically uploaded into Cleared4. After October 21, no student will be allowed to attend in-person classes unless they have been vaccinated or have an approved exemption.

Reflecting the unique nature of continuing education programs – many of which enroll students up until the first day of classes and start on varying schedules – students enrolled in them will be granted a one-week grace period after the start of a course to submit their vaccination verification information into Cleared4.



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During this time, such a student must demonstrate proof of vaccination (such as via the Excelsior Pass) in accordance with the policies of the continuing education department to attend in-person programs. After the one-week grace period, if a student's vaccination information has not been uploaded and verified in the Cleared4 system, they will not be able to attend in-person classes.

Above and Beyond Recognition: I want to extend my gratitude to everyone that hosted and supported yesterday's Student Forum on Vaccination – Provost Paul Arcario, Assistant Dean James Salnave, Renée Fuseymore, Dr. Olga Calderon, Dr. Lucia Fuentes, Dr. Kathleen Karsten, Dr. Cheri Carr, Dr. Shanté Bassett, Dr. Sultan Jenkins, Dr. Anthony Paratore, and Dr. Clarence Chan. Your commitment to student success is inspiring. Thank you!

Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams
President