

DARE TO DO MORE

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff -

Thank you to everyone that attended last Friday's Zoom Town Hall. If you missed it you can watch the recording <u>here</u>. If you have a question or concern that we did not have time to address please send me an email at <u>PresidentAdams@lagcc.cuny.edu</u>. Here is the latest:

<u>Student Vaccination</u>: All students coming to campus after Thursday, October 21 must be fully vaccinated and have their proof of vaccination in CUNYfirst—whether they are attending a class, or entering a college building for any other reason. (Students with approved religious exemptions or medical exceptions may enter the campus when they present a recent negative PCR test from a CUNY Testing Site.) All students (including those taking entirely remote classes) are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and upload their vaccination documentation at their earliest convenience.

The CUNY student vaccine mandate will remain in place for the Fall II and Spring Semesters, and perhaps longer. Uploading proof of COVID vaccination will be an on-going requirement for new CUNY students and continuing students not yet vaccinated who intend to come to campus for any reason, similar to the MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) standard vaccination required of all students.

<u>Administrative Withdrawal:</u> As of yesterday, there are still over 1,000 LaGuardia students at risk of Administrative Withdrawal ("WA") grades. Health Services is continually reviewing student documentation and approving students as they become "fully vaccinated." Provost Paul Arcario will be communicating with faculty teaching in-person or hybrid classes to review next steps in the administration of the WA grades. CUNY will notify us as to when to begin issuing the WAs.

<u>Preparing for Spring 2022</u>: Looking ahead to Spring, we expect a minimum of 70% of courses to be offered inperson, with the remaining 30% a mix of hybrid and fully remote. Academic chairpersons are finalizing schedules with faculty. Spring registration opens on October 25.

<u>Vax Van</u>: One more reminder that a NYC Health + Hospitals Free COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Van is parked at the Van Dam entrance of LaGuardia daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sunday, October 17. First dose Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for free.

<u>Above and Beyond Recognition</u>: Let's make sure to recognize the thousands of continuing education students that are also LaGuardians. This week, I'd like to give a shout out to the ACE Enrollment team and thank them for their efforts. ACE registrations have been impacted by the pandemic, but things are starting to pick up. In fact, as new English language courses were beginning on campus, George Schreiner, ACE Enrollment Director, and John Hunt, Interim Assistant Dean for Pre-College Programs, were spotted in the C-Building lobby assisting students with vaccination verification, as well as answering student questions to ensure a successful first day at LaGuardia. All hands on deck!

Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams President

