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Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff:

This week offices around campus opened their doors for in-person service, many for the first time in more than 17 months, providing valuable support for our students.

Here are the latest updates as fall classes draw nearer:

**Student Vaccination Policy Update:** Following the FDA's full approval of the Pfizer vaccine, CUNY has provided the following update:

The FDA granted full approval to the Pfizer vaccine on August 23, 2021, triggering a 45-day final deadline for CUNY students to be fully vaccinated and their vaccination documentation uploaded and [approved in CUNYfirst](#). Students now have until September 27 to upload proof of vaccination into CUNYfirst.

To meet the 45-day deadline, students must get the first Moderna shot by August 2, or the first Pfizer shot by September 2, or the single Johnson & Johnson shot by September 23.

Because Colleges need 10 days to verify and approve the vaccination documents after students upload them, the documents must be uploaded by September 27 at the latest. Students taking in-person or hybrid classes who fail to upload their proof of vaccination by September 27 (so the documents can be approved and verified by October 7, the 45-days mark) will be subject to potential academic withdrawal that could also impact their financial aid and make them ineligible for refunds for the courses.

Until October 7, students attending in-person classes need to be fully vaccinated and have their vaccination documentation uploaded and approved, or they have to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past seven days at a [CUNY testing site](#).

CUNY is actively making updates to the [Student Vaccination Policy FAQ](#); that information along with campus-specific procedures can be found on our newly launched [Campus Safety & FAQ for Students](#) page.

**Campus Access & Safety:** If you need a refresher on procedures for safely entering and working on campus, please review the [Campus Safety, Access & FAQ for Employees](#) webpage, it is updated regularly to ensure accuracy and new guidance is received. A companion [page for Students](#) is also now available.



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**Above and Beyond Recognition:** For the rigorous cleanings, building improvements, safety signage, and so much more, this week's shout out goes to Jin Lee (Building Operations), Evelyn Lowmark (Administrative and Support Services), and Ruben Mercier (Campus Facilities). Under their direction, countless staff members worked tirelessly to maintain our facilities throughout the pandemic and to ensure our buildings, classrooms and office spaces are ready for a safe return.

Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams  
President