



**DARE TO DO MORE**

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff –

Thank you again to faculty, program directors, and academic chairs for surpassing the 70% minimum goal for in-person instruction for the upcoming spring semester. Registration opened on Monday. We have a compelling story for new, transfer, and returning students. In other news...

**Administrative Withdrawals:** Students taking in-person and/or hybrid courses that did not comply with CUNY's vaccine mandate received "WA" grades for those courses last night. Students that paid for those classes out-of-pocket will be eligible for refunds. For students that paid for those courses with financial aid we will have information about the impact of WAs on Pell and TAP awards soon. Refund policies were approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees at their meeting on Monday afternoon.

**Reporting Positive Cases:** With the recent increase of on-campus activity, the possibility of breakthrough COVID-19 cases is, understandably, on people's minds. Positive cases that impact LaGuardia are published on our [website](#) each week, as well as [CUNY's](#). We are fortunate to have a low case count at this point.

**Quarantine or Isolation:**

- You quarantine when you might have been exposed to the virus. You isolate when you have been infected with the virus, even if you don't have symptoms
- In general, all individuals should isolate for 10 days after a positive test. Isolation should be longer if symptoms are present - at least 24 hours after fever has ended and all symptoms are improving without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
- A fully vaccinated person who (i) has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and (ii) shows no symptoms of COVID-19, should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure AND not report to in-person work or class until they receive a negative test result or medical clearance to return.
- An unvaccinated, or not fully vaccinated, person who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms or not, should quarantine for 10 days.
- Quarantine is not necessary for someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, recovered and remains without symptoms after exposure. This person will be required to provide appropriate medical clearance to return to work at any CUNY location.

Students, faculty and staff must not come to the College if they:

- Are currently experiencing or recently experienced (in the last 48 hours) any new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms.
- Are unvaccinated and have recently (in the last 10 days) been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes over a 24-hour period) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19 based on symptoms.
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 10 days.
- Recently traveled domestically or internationally and are unvaccinated. All individuals should follow the CDC domestic travel recommendations and international travel recommendations before reporting to work or campus and notify their manager in advance of the travel dates and should quarantine be required.



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**Notification:**

If you test positive for COVID-19, or have close contact with someone who tests positive, please immediately notify the **College Coronavirus Liaison or Designees** via email. Please include your full name and contact number. In addition, employees should notify their supervisor(s).

- Employees: [EmployeeReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:EmployeeReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu)
- Students: [StudentReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:StudentReportCOVID@lagcc.cuny.edu)

Details are outlined on our [website](#). Remember -- Unvaccinated students are no longer able to present a negative COVID-19 test to enter campus unless they have an approved medical exemption or religious exception.

**Above and Beyond Recognition:** LaGuardia's buildings have been protected by our Fire Safety Director, Sherman Walker, who, after more than 30 years of dedicated service, is retiring. Sherman has worked diligently to ensure that our building fire systems and safety and fire prevention measures have complied with NYC building codes and standards. This level of dedication and service is one of the many safeguards in place that are often not seen but are necessary for on-campus operations and in-person instruction. Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement, Sherman!

Thank you,

Kenneth Adams  
President