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Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff:

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at [Fall 2021 Opening Sessions: 50 Years of Innovation, Excellence, & Ingenuity: Building a Bright Future Together](#). In my presentation I will discuss how we can continue to nurture innovation at LaGuardia. On September 23 I will provide my Fall 21 “State of the College” report, followed by a Town Hall in October. Save-the-dates and invitations coming soon. In the meantime here’s the latest...

In-person/Hybrid Classes: Provost Arcario’s [message to faculty](#) on August 26 addressed concerns about in-person and hybrid classes. Students have until September 27 to upload their vaccination verification, or they will be removed from in-person/hybrid classes on October 7. That’s another way of saying that after October 7, only fully vaccinated students can attend in-person classes. As some of you know, I have been advocating for a CUNY policy of *no mixed classes*, so I am pleased by this new approach (though I wish the cut-off date were sooner). Students have received multiple email and text messages from CUNY Central and from us about the requirements, deadlines, and consequences. Recent student communications can be found on our [website](#). At the recommendation of Senate Chair Cristy Bruns, Ph.D., we are setting up in-person assistance for students that need help uploading vaccination documents or other support in the lobby of C-Building. In addition...

- Students enrolled in in-person/hybrid classes are being told to vaccinate and verify by September 27. Those who do not plan on vaccinating/verifying are being told to immediately contact their advisor to switch to an online class.
- Prior to October 7 Provost Arcario and Academic Chairs will review vaccination rates for each in-person section (we now get such reports from CUNY) and determine an appropriate course of action for sections that are not at 100%.

In-Person Student Assistance: Offices are finding their stride as students make their way back to campus seeking in-person assistance. In some areas the number of students showing up remains low, while in others, such as over at the ACE Enrollment Office, staff are eagerly greeting prospective students.

Reopening Details: LaGuardia’s Reopening Plan was recently revised and approved by CUNY in anticipation of the new semester. Detailed protocols and plans, developed by our Reopening Operational Task Force, regarding everything from sample floor plans, to gatherings in enclosed spaces, to contact tracing, and much more, can be found at <https://www.laguardia.edu/reopening-plan>.

Above and Beyond Recognition: Student vaccine verification is critical to a safe reopening, and would not be possible without our Health Services team, led by Director Renée Fuseyamore and Assistant Director Luz Ruyol. Among other responsibilities the team is tasked with reviewing documentation uploaded by students which will permit (or deny) students a Vax Pass for campus entry. Big thanks from all of us!



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Best wishes,

Kenneth Adams
President