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## **Regarding the Covid-19 Vaccine Requirement for Baruch/CUNY Students Coming to Campus in Fall 2021**

Dear Baruch Students,

On Monday evening, you received a message from CUNY Chancellor Félix Matos Rodríguez—in response to Governor Cuomo’s announcement—concerning the student Covid-19 vaccine mandate. The chancellor’s message (*below*) states that all CUNY students coming to campus this fall will need to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

*How will this affect you?* We realize that you have many questions and concerns, and at this time, we at Baruch are still figuring out answers. As soon as possible, we will get back to you with guidance on how to submit proof of vaccination and how to apply for an exemption, should you seek one.

As we learn more, we will share information with you.

For now, let’s come together as a community and follow the advice at [#VaxUpCUNY](#). The sooner we are vaccinated, the safer and more successful Baruch’s Fall 2021 semester will be.

Looking forward to being together again and staying safe,

Sincerely,

Art King

Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

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## Statement by Chancellor Matos Rodríguez on the COVID Vaccine Required for In-Person Fall Classes

Dear CUNY students,

Earlier today, Governor Cuomo [announced](#) that COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for all students attending in-person classes beginning this fall. With this in mind, I continue to strongly encourage every member of our CUNY familia to get vaccinated as soon as they are able.

Seeing many of your post-vax photos under the #VaxUpCUNY hashtag has already provided an uplifting reminder of the many ways that CUNY can come together to keep ourselves, our families and our city safe.

Getting vaccinated could not be easier: All vaccination sites in New York City allow walk-ins, meaning you do not need an appointment in advance, though you can still make one if you'd prefer. You can even visit one of our campuses to get your life-saving shot. Sites are located at Medgar Evers College, York College, City College, Lehman College and Queensborough Community College. For more information about the vaccine and where to get it, visit our [#VaxUpCUNY webpage](#).

In the days ahead, we will be issuing guidance regarding exemptions to the vaccination requirement and other related matters; meanwhile, if I were a student who has not yet been vaccinated, I would not delay getting the vaccine. I cannot say it strongly enough: This is the most important thing each of us can do to keep the coronavirus under control moving forward.

I cannot wait to see many of your faces safely and in-person this fall. Let's #VaxUpCUNY and end this pandemic for good.

Sincerely,

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For your information:

- [Are you curious about what the process at a vaccine site is like? CUNY student Naomi walks us through it.](#)
- [I visited a CUNY vaccine site that has vaccinated more than 200K people.](#)
- [Watch a special message from nurse and two-time CUNY alum Sandra Lindsay, the first American to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.](#)

[Meet members of the CUNY familia who have taken the pledge to #VaxUpCUNY.](#)

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