

# Campus Announcement

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## **Baruch Forward Fall 2021: New Campus Reopening Date and Upload Your Covid-19 Vaccination Verification**

Dear Colleagues,

Baruch College and The City University of New York continue to work hard to facilitate a safe campus reopening for our students, faculty, and staff. With [Monday's message](#) from Chancellor Félix Matos Rodríguez, we have a clearer picture of the College's Fall 2021 semester.

### **New Campus Reopening Date**

To give additional time to prepare campuses and offices, the University has adjusted its on-site campus operations reopening to **Monday, August 16**. This system-wide adjustment was made in part to support health and safety walkthroughs with labor union leadership. Some staff, in consultation with their managers, may return to campus earlier to allow ample time to prepare for the start of Fall 2021.

Please note that starting August 16, anyone entering a CUNY facility will need to be fully vaccinated (two weeks beyond the last vaccination shot) or have a negative Covid-19 test taken within the past seven days. Additionally, the symptom tracker feature of Everbridge will not be used after August 16.

### **Vaccination Verification and Related Policies and Guidelines**

The modified calendar affords time to establish University-wide Covid-19 testing protocols and vaccination verification processes. These efforts, well underway, are critical to our safe campus reopening.

**Upload Your Covid-19 Vaccination Status: Good News!** There now is an easy process for uploading your vaccination status. At this time, faculty and staff who voluntarily

upload vaccine information and supporting documentation will **not** need to be routinely tested in order to access campus. Voluntary submission will facilitate your access to campus throughout the fall semester.

Here's how to upload your vaccination documentation:

- Sign in to CUNYfirst and click on the Vaccine Verification link.
- To complete your vaccination information, you will need:
  - Date of your second shot for Pfizer or Moderna or the date of your single shot for Johnson & Johnson
  - Scan or photograph of your CDC Covid-19 vaccination record card (or an equivalent document if you received your vaccination outside the U.S.)
  - If you have the [New York State Excelsior Pass](#) app, a scan or photograph of your pass on your mobile device. The University is working with NYS Excelsior to link the pass to CUNY for validation purposes.

**Upload Your Status Today:** Faculty and staff returning the week of August 16 will need to upload their vaccination verification documents showing full vaccination by **Friday, August 6**. For those starting later, the deadlines for uploading are 10 days prior to the first week they are due back. *Example:* Those returning the week of August 23 will need to upload their vaccination status by August 13.

**Questions and Support:** CUNY has provided a [visual guide](#) for uploading your vaccination documentation to CUNYfirst. If you have a technical problem, please check with your office's business manager or contact Baruch's [HelpDesk](#) for assistance.

**For Those Not Fully Vaccinated or Who Do Not Wish to Disclose Vaccination Status:** These individuals will be required to be tested and show a negative Covid-19 test result within the last seven days. Details of the testing protocols and procedures are forthcoming.

**Some Specific Cases and Exemptions:** If you are not fully vaccinated or do not wish to disclose your status, you will be able to opt out of testing if you have an approved request for a fully remote accommodation. Approved or pending requests need to be indicated on the Vaccine Information Page in CUNYfirst and will be verified by Baruch's Office of Human Resources after they are submitted.

**CUNY's Student Vaccination Mandate:** CUNY's [student policy](#) remains unchanged: Students attending in-person and hybrid classes, and those living in a University residence hall, for the Fall 2021 semester are required to be vaccinated against Covid-19 (subject to final FDA vaccine approval). To access on-campus facilities and resources,

students will have to show either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test result from the last seven days.

### **Vaccination Resources**

Vaccination remains the key to our safe return to campus. While Covid-19 vaccination is not mandated for faculty and staff, we continue to encourage members of the faculty and staff to get fully vaccinated. For more information and resources, please visit [#VaxUpCUNY](#). Additional resources include the University's new FAQs: [Guidelines for CUNY Fall 2021 Reopening Where Not Everyone Is Fully Vaccinated](#).

### **Staying Connected in the Coming Weeks**

As we near our return to on-site campus operations, it is crucial that we stay up-to-date and connected. The Leadership Team and I will continue to reach out with real-time updates, which will be posted on the [Baruch Forward](#) website as well. Among those messages will be detailed step-by-step instructions for how to access campus and what to expect when you return to campus. Monitor your Baruch inbox for these messages.

Thank you for your continued partnership, flexibility, and understanding,

Sincerely,

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