

# Campus Announcement

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## Reassuring the Baruch Community: Safe Campus Management and Updates

Dear Baruch Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we all hear news about universities and colleges making adjustments because of rising cases of Covid-19, we remind you that Baruch has strong protocols in place and a markedly different campus situation.

Please be assured that we continue to monitor community and campus transmissions closely and will follow our [Campus Reopening Plan](#) to reduce capacity, if such action is deemed necessary by the CUNY Chancellor, informed by guidance from the CDC and New York health agencies. You may also visit [CUNY's Covid-19 Safety Tracker](#) to monitor the case count at Baruch and other CUNY campuses.

### Covid-19 Reporting and Contact-Tracing Protocols

Baruch and CUNY have protocols in place for students, faculty, and staff who have Covid-19 [symptoms](#), a positive Covid-19 test result, or who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19. Our designated Coronavirus Campus Liaisons recently emphasized this guidance for [students](#) and [faculty and staff](#)—as the reporting processes are specific to the different groups. The protocols are also summarized on these flowcharts for [students](#) and [faculty and staff](#). Please familiarize yourself with these important guidelines.

### Random Covid-19 Testing

To monitor and mitigate the spread of Covid-19, CUNY administers a random testing program for vaccinated employees and students accessing CUNY facilities. Each week, a number of randomly selected, vaccinated individuals are contacted (via email from

[no-reply@cleared4.org](mailto:no-reply@cleared4.org)) to be tested. If you are contacted, *testing is not optional*, unless you have a fully remote schedule due to a reasonable accommodation.

### **Stay Informed**

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves, and we ask that you check [Baruch Forward](#) regularly, as this resource is continuously updated with the latest guidelines and information pertaining to our campus community.

We wish you a safe holiday and winter break and look forward to a healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

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