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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) 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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