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Dear Brooklyn College Student:

I hope each of you is enjoying a wonderful summer break as our city and state continue to reopen and safely return to many of our pre-pandemic activities.

As you are making your academic plans for you fall, I know that you are eager to have a definite schedule. If you have been reading the weekly emails from President Anderson, you are aware that over last few weeks, some fall courses have changed modality; you should have been notified by email if a course in which you are enrolled for fall is now being offered in a different format. Within the School of Education, the majority of our courses are being offered as hybrid classes, with some class sessions held remotely and others meeting in person, either on our Brooklyn College campus or at a field site for clinical work. We are also offering some entirely remote courses as well as some entirely on campus.

I'm sure you aware that the Governor has announced that students who are taking classes on campus in the fall, whether in person or hybrid must be fully vaccinated against COVID. This mandate applies to any student coming onto campus for any reason. A unique situation for SOE students is that many of our students require clinical work in schools and other field sites. At this time, the New York City Department of Education does not require our students to be vaccinated in order to enter schools, but that could change as reopening plans throughout the city and country remain in flux.

I understand that all of you are anxious with the level of uncertainty we are experiencing at this time. We in the School of Education are doing our best to accommodate the needs and preferences of as many students as possible regarding course modality, clinical requirements, and campus reopening. We hope that all of your questions about the fall semester can be answered definitively within the next few weeks, and we will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available. We will also host online information sessions for SOE students as decisions become more settled so be sure to check your Brooklyn College email on a regular basis to stay informed about fall plans.

All of us in the Dean's office in the School of Education look forward to welcoming you back to campus this fall. In the meantime, I wish you the very best for a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer.

For more information, please see the letter dated June 16 from President Anderson <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/president/statements/2021/return-to-campus-letter-11-course-modality-and-vaccination-timelines-for-students-staff-and-faculty.php>

For updates, check the Brooklyn College site <http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/>

Warmly,

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