BROOKLYN College The City University of New York

Brooklyn College COVID19 Guidelines
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Introduction and Guiding Principles

Brooklyn College is preparing for a crucial transition to significantly increased in-person instruction and support services in the fall 2022 semester. For the Fall 2022 semester, the majority of CUNY courses will be in-person. Students access to campus resources such as the library and research materials, study space, and computer or internet access have fully resumed. College staff members are expected to spend the majority of their work time in person on campus, per CUNY Flexible Work Guidelines.

Campus Reopening Committee

The Coronavirus Campus Reentry Review Board (RRB), convened in summer 2020, now serves as the Fall 2022 Campus Reopening Committee. The RRB convenes as needed with the following membership:

- Michelle J. Anderson, President and Chair
- Larry Bosket, Assistant Director of Admissions and PSC Representative
- Carolyn Canales, student childhood education teacher (1–6) major, School of Education
- Alan Gilbert, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, COVID Coordinator
- Anne Lopes, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice Chair
- Ryan Murelli, former Chair of Faculty Council Campus Planning Committee, Chemistry Professor
- Dorothy Neave-DiToro, Faculty Council Campus Planning Committee, Communication Arts, Sciences, and Disorders Professor
- Stephen Preston, Faculty Council Master Planning Committee, Mathematics Professor (fall 2021)
- Carrie Sadovnik, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, COVID Associate Coordinator

- Kelly Spivey, Technology Manager of the Film Department and PSC Representative
- *To be filled*, Chief Legal Counsel
- Peter Tolias, Dean of the School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences

The RRB works with the Chancellery/COO's Office to ensure our reopening meets all CUNY guidance. The college's original Campus Reentry Plan was implemented following approval by CUNY and is revised as CUNY guidance evolves. As additional guidance is issued or a request for expanded onsite activity is received, the RRB reviews, approves, and implements improvements to the plan. Similarly, the Fall 2022 Campus Reopening Plan follows CUNY approval only. Subsequent modifications and changes in operations are reflective of local, state, and federal higher education requirements.

Key Re-Opening Requirements

CUNY follows CDC guidance that identifies four factors that inform reopening for Fall 2022:

Monitoring

Key Metrics
The RRB stays current by monitoring campus, local, and regional metrics that serve as early warning signs that positive cases may be increasing beyond acceptable levels. The CDC tracker tool for county level of community transmission, combining total new cases and percent positivity, is a primary source of this data.

Symptom Self-Reports
The college uses the COVID-19 Case Collection Form for all self-reports by campus community members who suspect that they have been exposed to a positive case or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Reports do not have to be associated with time spent on campus and provide an additional early warning sign of increasing transmission.

Positive Tests
All positive tests received through the CUNY testing program and positive tests reported through the COVID-19 Case Collection Form are tracked and reported to the campus coordinator.

Level of Vaccination Coverage
Effective October 7, 2021, new and/or returning students without proof of vaccination are not allowed access to campus, unless they have been granted an exemption. Students taking in-person or hybrid courses who are eligible for a booster are strongly encouraged to get a booster and upload proof to CUNY. Student participation in on-campus activities also requires proof in CUNYfirst. Only medical or religious exemptions are accepted.

Every visitor to a CUNY campus, whether accessing indoor or outdoor spaces, must provide proof to CUNY that they (i) are fully vaccinated or (ii) have had a negative COVID-19 molecular (PCR) test performed by an accredited lab no more than 7 days prior to the visit. Visitors who are on campus for 30 minutes or less per visit do not have to comply with any COVID-19 vaccination or surveillance testing requirements applicable to CUNY staff unless the visitor expects during that time to be less than 6 feet distant of another person for a total of 15 minutes of more.

Brooklyn College continues to promote vaccinations for everyone.

The campus COVID-19 Vaccination Program for students is implemented by the Location Vaccination Authority (LVA). Students can reach out to the LVA, Student Affairs Assistant Dean for Student Services Dave Bryan, with questions.

Testing

All students, including student athletes, are expected to test before returning to campus. The university has 20 testing sites managed by a CUNY vendor, Applied DNA Clinical Labs (ADCL) using the CLEARED4 health verification system. These testing sites are open to all symptom-free students, staff, and faculty for walk-in visits without appointments if capacity allows. Weekly testing will continue for all campus stakeholders who are still not fully vaccinated or who do not disclose their vaccination status. Individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to visit a public testing site or use an at-home test kit. Testing to return to campus should only be done at CUNY safeCircle test sites when symptom free to protect everyone in the CUNY community.

Overall random testing of 20% of the on-campus population will continue. Participation in the random surveillance testing is mandatory and failure to participate will result in the removal of the individual's Cleared4 access pass.

Visitors have the option to get tested at non-CUNY testing sites in order show a negative test taken no more than seven days prior to the visit. Visitors under the age of 5 are exempt from weekly testing unless routinely coming to campus and enrolled in an on-campus program.

Individuals are expected to self-monitor for symptoms, stay home and get tested at a public testing site when experiencing symptoms.

Tracking

Staff, faculty, and researchers who test positive for or been diagnosed with COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to notify Brooklyn College using the College's COVID-19 Case Collection Form. Submissions to the form are treated as confidential. Brooklyn College's administration will aid in the identification of exposures and notify close contacts, in accordance with

applicable privacy and other laws. Summary information will continue to be provided to the Brooklyn College community via the University COVID-19 Safety Tracker.

Quarantine and Isolation

Due to the evolving nature of COVID-19, Brooklyn College and the university adhere to latest CDC guidelines. Community members and visitors who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 should adhere to the following:

Exposure to COVID-19	
Population	What to do:
- If you have received a booster, OR - Completed the primary series of Pfizer vaccine within the last 5 months or Moderna vaccine within the last 5 months, OR - Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, OR - Tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test within the previous 90 days and subsequently recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms	- You do not need to quarantine. - Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days. - Get tested at least 5 days after your close contact (the date of your exposure is considered day 0); if you test positive, stay home and isolate per guidelines above. *If you develop symptoms, get a test, stay home and follow the isolation guidelines below.*
- For those who have completed the primary series of Pfizer vaccine over 5 months ago or Moderna vaccine over 5months ago and are not boosted, OR - Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted, OR - Are unvaccinated	- You must quarantine. - Stay home for 5 days and get tested at least 5 days after your close contact (the date of your exposure is considered day 0); if you test positive, stay home and isolate per guidelines above. - In order to return to CUNY you must receive a negative PCR test at least 5 days after your exposure. - After that, continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 additional days. If you cannot wear a mask for the additional 5 days, continue to quarantine for those 5 days. - If you are unable to stay at home you must wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days. - If you develop symptoms get a test, stay home and follow the isolation guidelines below. - Do not travel during your quarantine period.

Isolation is required for all individuals with a positive viral test for or with symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals should isolate and notify close contacts that they may have been exposed and refer them to local or state health department website for guidance. Everyone who tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, must stay home for five days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms, or the day a positive result is received for an asymptomatic case). In the absence or resolution of symptoms within the five-day period, wear a well-fitting mask outside of the home for an additional five days. Isolation should be longer if symptoms are present—at least 24 hours after no fever without fever-reducing medication and all symptoms are improving. Those who were severely ill should consult with a physician prior to ending isolation.

In order to return to campus, individuals who are required to isolate or quarantine must receive a negative PCR or antigen test (strongly recommended over PCR) through a licensed provider or obtain a doctor's certification prior to returning to campus. If you are recovering from COVID-19, you should not get tested until you have completed your isolation requirements and are symptom free.

Travel
All individuals should follow the CDC domestic travel recommendations and international travel recommendations before reporting to work or campus and notify their manager in advance of the travel dates and should quarantine be required. Any students, faculty or staff engaging in official travel on behalf of CUNY must follow the latest approval requirements for domestic and international travel.

Case Cleaning
Per CDC guidelines, if someone is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, campuses do not necessarily need to close operations if they can close off the affected areas. Following notice of a positive case, if it has been fewer than 24 hours since the person was on campus, the affected area is closed off and appropriately cleaned and disinfected by Custodial Services. Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected, it can be reopened for use. Refer to "Cleaning and Disinfection."

Return to Campus Post-Illness
The coronavirus campus liaison refers to CDC guidelines for ending isolation after a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Public Health and Safety Requirements
Public health and safety requirements such as mask use and distancing on campus are informed by CDC, state, and CUNY guidance and may evolve as the pandemic changes.

Face Coverings

CUNY and Brooklyn College will not require face masks during the fall semester. Anyone who would like to continue wearing masks in any setting is welcome to do so at any time. Face coverings will continue to be available on campus and in offices (contact Environmental Health and Safety, Room 405 Ingersoll Hall Extension (718.951.4268/5400)).

Individuals who are still not fully vaccinated are urged to continue to wear a mask. Mask requirements associated with isolation and quarantine as referenced in these guidelines remain in effect. Masking is recommended for visitors 2-5 years of age who are not yet vaccinated.

Follow CDC guidelines on acceptable face coverings.

Supporting Healthy Facilities
Brooklyn College continues to facilitate approaches to reduce the spread of communicable disease. This includes regular and enhanced cleaning, safe disinfection as necessary, Improved ventilation, and maintaining healthy facilities.

Reporting Safety Concerns
Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to report unsafe conditions. Urgent issues with ventilation should be reported to Facilities at extension 5885; less urgent issues can be reported to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at extension 5400 or via e-mail. Noncompliance with COVID-19 safety rules may also be reported to Campus Safety at extension 5511 or via e-mail. Further, confidential reports, concerns, or requests may be submitted via this form at any time.

Unique Facilities, Services, and Student Life/Inclusion Programming

Athletics
See the University and Brooklyn College Athletics Return to Sport Plan. All athletes are required to produce a negative test before returning to campus. Non-vaccinated student-athletes (CUNY approved exemptions only) must continue to participate in weekly testing for the fall semester.

Student Activities, Clubs, Government, Orientation, and Interfaith Programs
These programs are allowed to resume on-campus gatherings and events. Students participating in on-campus activities must have provided proof of vaccination in CUNYfirst unless an exemption has been approved. Non-CUNY guests, performers, and speakers must adhere to CUNY visitor policies in place.

Posting of Plans
The college's Fall 2022 Campus Reopening Plan, along with department or operational-unit specific plans, is conspicuously posted online and in places where notices to employees are

customarily posted (e.g., Personnel Office and timeclocks) for employees to view once approved.

Reclosing Plan

Scale Back or Shut Down

Fall 2022 welcomes more in-person activity. The college is prepared to reverse this transition if the situation dictates. CUNY has outlined monitoring criteria to aid the college in determining if circumstances warrant consideration of re-closing. The College maintains a plan for shutdown in accordance with the Reclosing Protocols: CUNY's Guide for Safely Closing On-Campus Operations. Final decisions on shutting down are made by the Chancellery/COO's Office in consultation with local/state authorities.

The college is prepared to "reverse engineer" the closing; to deploy distance learning modalities; to provide technology, tools, and resources for distance learning; to employ ways to minimize everyone's potential exposure; and to communicate with the campus community. If learning outcomes cannot be achieved via distance learning, the courses shall resume once the closure is lifted. If the campus is required to close, it consults with the University on an extension of the notification deadlines for Human Resource policies (e.g., reappointments, non-reappointments). Protocols for ramping down research and moving to remote follow Research Continuity guidance on the Guidance on Academic Continuity to campuses page.