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Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff –

No Changes to Remote Work Policy: Some of you may have seen earlier this week a draft memo from CUNY suggesting a temporary return to remote work that was to go into effect on Wednesday because of the increase in Covid cases due to the Omicron variant. CUNY has not put that plan into effect. No changes to policies regarding remote work or instructional modalities have been made. Of course, this is a fluid situation and CUNY may announce new policies in the coming days or weeks, in which case we will adapt to them as required. In the meantime, thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Increased Testing Available at CUNY Testing Sites: The Chancellor [announced](#) that all CUNY testing sites will be available to faculty, staff, and students for walk-in testing beginning December 28. For a list of CUNY sites and hours of operation, visit [here](#). Results are available within 24- 48 hours.

LaGuardia's Plan to Meet the 70% In-Person Work Requirement: As you know, CUNY will be requiring all staff to work on campus 70% of the time (or no more than 30% remotely) beginning in the New Year. The system-wide date for this increase of in-person work is January 28 (assuming no changes to this policy because of the current Covid wave). Because of LaGuardia's 12/6 academic calendar and the fact that our Spring Semester does not start until March 5, I have been concerned that the CUNY-wide policy would have an adverse impact on us since it would require LaGuardia staff to increase their on-campus presence long before students actually returned to campus. I discussed my concern with the central office this week. The chancellor and his team agreed that we could take a modified approach: LaGuardia will start to bring staff up to the 70% level beginning on Monday, February 22 -- two weeks prior to the start of the Spring Semester. Again, this date is subject to change if CUNY remote work policies are altered in light of Covid. Stay tuned...

Instructional Modalities for Fall II: Some of you have inquired about modalities for the upcoming Fall II Semester. There have been no changes to instructional modalities. The LaGuardia schedule for Fall II was planned to be largely online, and it will remain that way. It is approximately 80% online, 15% hybrid, and 5% in-person.

Please Get Vaccinated: As the Omicron variant spreads throughout the city, and infection rates are rising, the best protection is to [get vaccinated and boosted](#). Free vaccination sites are available throughout the five boroughs (and beyond); look [here](#) or [here](#) to find a location near you.

ICYMI: Thanks again to Laura Bartovics and Karen Dubinsky for joining me in last week's Info Session on Year-End Fundraising and Grants. For anyone who's interested, please see the recording [here](#).

As we near the end of 2021, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Barring any major announcements, the *Return to Campus Update* will be on hiatus next week so that its writers, editors, and fact-checkers may enjoy a well-deserved holiday break.

[Happy Holidays!](#)

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