



DARE TO DO MORE

Dear LaGuardia faculty and staff—

Thank you to the 200+ attendees who tuned in to last week's Town Hall. And thanks, as always, to Professor Rochell Isaac for serving as moderator. Some important questions are still unresolved. Know that as soon as the CUNY Central Office gives us updates we will share them with you. If you were unable to attend the Town Hall, a recording is available [here](#).

Student Booster Shots: This week CUNY published the following details on their [website](#) regarding COVID-19 vaccine boosters for students:

- All students taking in-person or hybrid courses that are *currently eligible* for a booster, must get a booster and upload proof to CUNYfirst by March 1, 2022.
- Students who are not yet eligible will have 30 days from the date they *become eligible* for a booster, to get one and to upload shot proof to CUNYfirst.
- Students who miss the deadline to upload proof of the booster will not be able to register for the summer or fall 2022 semesters until they do.
- Documents already submitted and approved in CUNYfirst do not need to be re-submitted.
- All students (except those with approved exemptions or exceptions) must be fully vaccinated in order to enter any CUNY facility.

Please see this [letter](#) from Chancellor Matos Rodríguez to students issued this week for further information. Through emails, texts, and calls we will be blanketing our students with information about the booster requirements.

New Hybrid and Remote Sections: I was a part of a group of presidents that worked with University Provost Dan Lemons to lower the goal for fully in-person classes for the spring semester from 70% to 55%. Thank you to our Academic Chairs for working diligently over the past several days to review registration patterns and add online sections as they and their faculty see fit. Students should be able to register for these additional online classes beginning Monday; we will communicate these changes to students promptly.

Random Testing: Please remember that to help contain the spread of COVID-19, CUNY's testing program also includes periodic screening of random samplings of vaccinated individuals across the University. The frequency of such testing is [expected to increase](#); please see CUNY's [website](#) for additional information regarding random testing.

Above and Beyond Recognition: Shout out to Liz Iannotti, Heather Barikmo, and the staff and instructors in The English Language Center (TELC) who are on track to more than double their enrollment from 2020-2021. This rebound also represents a shift in operations, with more than 78% of Winter Session students attending classes on campus. Thank you and congratulations to the TELC team!

Best wishes,

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