



Brooklyn College COVID-19 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.

Vaccination and Booster Requirements

All students coming to campus for the first time in the fall for in-person or hybrid classes, or any other on-campus activity, will be required to submit proof of vaccination, unless they have been granted an exemption. Only medical or religious exemptions are accepted. Students are strongly encouraged to receive vaccine boosters, once eligible. See [CUNY Student Vaccination Mandate FAQ](#) for more details on requirements, exceptions, and enforcement.

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.

Masks

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 exposure 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 mask guidance](#).

Contact Tracing

Individuals who test positive with COVID-19 should notify close contacts that they may have been exposed and refer them to local or state health department website for guidance.

Individuals who test positive 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, as appropriate, of exposure as soon as possible after being notified that someone in the campus has tested positive or been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Isolation and Exposure

CUNY and Brooklyn College follow the latest CDC guidelines on isolation and exposure. Any students, staff or faculty who test positive with COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19 must follow these guidelines, as outlined below, prior to returning to campus. **If you are required to isolate, you must receive a negative test or doctor's certification prior to returning to campus.**

Test results will be accepted from [CUNY testing sites](#) or other licensed test providers.

Isolation Guidelines if You Test Positive for COVID-19

Everyone who tests positive, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for five days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms, or the day of your first positive test if you do not develop symptoms).
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- In order to return to campus, you must receive a negative PCR or antigen test (strongly recommended over PCR).
 - Collect the test sample only if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.

- If you test positive, you should continue to isolate until day 10. Following day 10 you must receive a negative PCR or Antigen test before returning to CUNY.
- In lieu of a negative test, individuals may provide a doctor's certification that they have recovered from COVID-19.
- Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 additional days; if you cannot wear a mask, continue to isolate for 5 days.
- If you have a fever, continue isolation until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- If you were severely ill with COVID-19 you should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult with a physician before ending isolation.

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19:

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- You do not need to quarantine.
- Wear a well-fitted mask around others for 10 days
- Get tested at least 5 days after the close contact (the date of exposure is considered day 0); if you test positive or develop symptoms, stay home and isolate per guidelines above.
- If your exposure is from someone you live with, you must reach out to the Campus Coronavirus Liaison.
- *If you develop symptoms, get a test, stay home and follow the isolation guidelines above.*

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.

Metrics and Early Warning

CUNY will continue to monitor campus and community infection rates. CUNY Central Office will consult with campus leadership to determine the best course of action for additional safety protocols or scaling back campus activity, if necessary. Any decisions on shutting down particular buildings/areas within campuses, individual campuses, or multiple campuses, as appropriate, will be made by the Chancellery/COO's Office in consultation with local/State authorities.

Campuses must have a shutdown plan in place to respond rapidly. Campuses should rely on previously developed shutdown plans and consult the [Reclosing Protocols: CUNY's Guide for Safely Closing On-Campus Operations](#), for additional information on criteria for shutdown and shutdown protocols.

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 10% 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 monitor symptoms, stay away from others if they feel sick, and get tested at a public testing site if they have any symptoms.

Self-Screening

Before coming to campus, each member of the community is expected to monitor your symptoms, stay away from others if you feel sick, and get tested at a public testing site if you have any symptoms. CUNY safeCircle testing sites should not be used if you have symptoms.

Visitor Policy

CUNY's [Visitor Policy](#) is designed to restrict anyone who has not been fully vaccinated or has not received a recent negative COVID-19 test from entering a CUNY campus or office.

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 or more.

Visitors are also required to comply with all other University policies and codes of conduct, as well as government and/or campus-specific rules and protocols, applicable to individuals on campus that are intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Before coming to a CUNY campus, visitors are encouraged to consult the College's website to review the most current [COVID-19 Guidelines](#).

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.

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.