To: All Students
Cc: Faculty and Staff
From: Daniel Matos, Interim Asst. VP for Enrollment Management
Date: September 16, 2021
Re: Upload Proof of Vaccination or Your In-Person and Hybrid Classes Will Be Dropped

If you registered for in-person and/or hybrid classes and fail to upload proof of vaccination in CUNYFirst by September 27, your in-person and hybrid classes will be dropped. You will lose access to Blackboard for those classes, you will not be eligible for refunds for those courses, and it may negatively impact your current and future financial aid. In addition, you will lose access to enter the campus until you provide proof of complete vaccination. If you want more information on CUNY’s vaccination mandate and timeline, please follow this link.

The good news is that you still have time to obtain the single-dose shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, upload proof in CUNYFirst, and avoid being withdrawn from your in-person and/or hybrid classes. The deadline to receive the single shot and still make the deadline outlined above is September 23. Starting next week, you can get your free Johnson & Johnson vaccine right here at John Jay College. A city-run vaccination van will be open from 8 am to 6 pm at 524 West 59th Street (by John Jay’s 59th Street entrance) from Monday, September 20 through Friday, September 24. No appointment is needed, and you can get $100 or other exclusive rewards with your first vaccine shot!

Enrolled students may request an exemption from the requirement that they submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination for medical or religious reasons. Students requesting an exemption for medical reasons will be required to submit a statement from a doctor or advanced practice nurse explaining the medical reason for this and the period requested for the exemption. Students requesting an exception for religious reasons will be required to submit a written statement, signed by the student, explaining how immunization conflicts with the student’s religious beliefs. For additional information on CUNY-approved exemptions, please click here.

Please do not wait until the last minute! Seriously consider the consequences associated with deciding not to be vaccinated. The vaccination mandate is not going away, and the policy will be in effect for the upcoming Winter and Spring terms when we expect online and hybrid options to be fewer. I cannot overemphasize the urgency of following these guidelines and getting vaccinated today. Not only will it allow you to continue your enrollment in your in-person and/or hybrid classes, but it also safeguards the wellbeing of our entire community.