To: The John Jay College Community  
From: Yi Li, Provost  
Mark Flower, Interim VP & COO, Coronavirus Campus Coordinator  
Re: Expansion of Vaccine Eligibility, Finalizing the Fall Schedule, and Updates on the Fall 2021 Planning Process  
Date: April 7, 2021

Since our last message, the Fall Planning Committee has continued to make progress on an operational plan for the Fall 2021 semester. As always, the Committee holds the health and safety of our community as its top priority, and we intend to broadly share updated information and resources when available. We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with the latest information on the Committee’s work, New York’s expanding vaccine eligibility, the Fall 2021 schedule, and the ongoing CUNY Fall Planning Survey.

**Vaccine Eligibility Expanded**  
Effective Tuesday, April 6, all New Yorkers age 16 and older, regardless of immigration status, are eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. If you are not a New York resident, but work or study in New York, you are also eligible to get vaccinated. This expanded eligibility means that all of our students, faculty, and staff are eligible for vaccination.

Covid-19 vaccines are safe and effective. They’re also free to everyone and you don’t need health insurance to get the vaccine. Book an appointment on NYC Vaccine Finder or the State’s Covid-19 website as soon as you can. Check the sites often because new appointments are added regularly. Then join President Karol V. Mason and Chancellor Félix Matos Rodríguez in the #VaxUpCUNY campaign to share why getting vaccinated is important to you.

**Finalizing the Fall 2021 Schedule**  
The Scheduling Subcommittee has been hard at work finalizing the Fall 2021 schedule and we’re happy to report that for Fall 2021, we expect to offer over 350 in-person classes. These classes will take place in the New Building, Haaren Hall, and Westport, and registration will begin at the end of the month.

Beyond wearing masks and social distancing, a vital part of maintaining a safe in-person learning environment for all our community members is ensuring classrooms, offices, and public spaces throughout the College are equipped with proper air filtration equipment and have good airflow. To that end, CUNY has hired Ramboll, a global engineering, design, and
consulting firm. Ramboll will analyze the air quality across all CUNY college buildings to ensure CDC guidelines are met. If any of our facilities require ventilation or equipment improvements, we’ll address the issues and keep you updated.

**Complete the CUNY Survey**
Last month, CUNY emailed the Fall Planning Survey to all John Jay College students, faculty, and staff to gain a better understanding of our community’s preferences and concerns regarding an in-person Fall semester. If you haven’t done so already, we urge you to fill out this quick and confidential survey by April 16. Your responses are completely anonymous and will help us better support our community.

As the Fall Planning Committee continues to craft a plan for a safe in-person learning experience, we will keep you informed via our updated Fall Planning webpage, which contains the latest information on vaccinations, campus access, and links to additional CUNY resources. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Provost Yi Li (yili@jjay.cuny.edu) and Interim Vice President Mark Flower (mflower@jjay.cuny.edu).

Thank you for your continued understanding, support, and cooperation.