To: John Jay College Students

From: Brian A. Kerr, Interim Vice President, EMSA

Date: September 24, 2021

Subject: Important Vaccination Policy Deadline

Dear JJC student:

You have received multiple communications via a variety of media about CUNY’s Fall Term Vaccination Policy. The vaccination mandate was announced on May 10 by the Governor and the Chancellor, and on July 6 the CUNY Board of Trustees approved the policy governing the mandate. The mandate applies to all students taking in-person and hybrid courses.

A number of students have reported being told, for a variety of reasons, that even though they are in a hybrid course, they do not need to be vaccinated. Among those reasons is that the faculty member has made the previously in-person or hybrid course, online. This is incorrect.

Individual faculty members may not decide on their own to change the modality of the course they are teaching. No CUNY courses have been allowed to change what was published in CUNYfirst when students registered. There have been temporary suspensions of in-person meetings due to insufficient space for social distancing of unvaccinated students, but no permanent changes. Students registered for in-person or hybrid courses as so listed in CUNYfirst must be vaccinated and upload proof of vaccination by Monday, September 27. All students registered for these courses must follow the vaccination policy, which has been communicated since May 10 when the vaccine mandate was announced.

Respectfully,

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