As the start of the Fall 2021 semester draws near, we want to make sure you have the information you need to have a successful and safe academic year. We know that there have been a lot of updates this week about CUNY and John Jay’s reopening plans. In case you missed it, here are the key updates from this week:

- **Mask Mandate:** Due to the presence of Delta and other variants, CUNY has enacted a new temporary mask mandate for anyone on a CUNY campus, regardless of vaccination status. This mandate is subject to modification based on changing vaccination statistics and coronavirus transmission rates. Details about the mask mandate are available [here](#).

- **Vaccinate or Test:** Starting this week, anyone entering a CUNY facility for any reason will need to be fully vaccinated (defined as 14 days beyond the last vaccination shot) or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past seven days.
  - **Vaccine Verification:** Proof of vaccination should be uploaded through your CUNYfirst account. For instructions on how to upload your vaccination information:
    - **Students,** please review the [Student Guide to Vaccination Verification](#).
    - **Faculty** and **Staff,** please review the [Faculty & Staff Guide to Vaccination Verification](#) or check out this [video](#).
  - **Testing:** If you are unvaccinated or choose not to disclose your vaccination status, you must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last seven days in order to access campus. If you have not already provided proof of vaccination status in CUNYfirst, you should have received an email this week from Cleared4.org (from the email address [no-reply@cleared4work.com](mailto:no-reply@cleared4work.com)) with instructions for how to enroll.
in the weekly testing program. Detailed FAQs about the CUNY Testing Program are available here.

- **FDA Approval Impact on Student Vaccination Requirements:** All students taking in-person or hybrid classes on a CUNY campus will be required to be fully vaccinated unless they have been granted a medical exemption or religious exception. Unvaccinated students taking classes on campus will have a maximum of 45 days from the date of an FDA approval of any vaccine to get fully vaccinated and upload verification documents to CUNYfirst. As the Chancellor explained in a letter to all students this week, there will be academic consequences for any student taking in-person or hybrid classes who does not upload proof of vaccination within 45 days of full FDA approval of a vaccine.

- **Updated John Jay FAQs:** We’ve updated John Jay’s Frequently Asked Questions document to reflect this latest news, and highlighted the recently updated or added questions for your convenience. You can access the updated FAQs here.

As always, the health and safety of our John Jay community remains our top priority. We thank you for your continued support and cooperation, and look forward to seeing you on campus soon.