

Spring 2022 COVID FAQ

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1. I am a student. Do I need to have a booster?

Yes. Students enrolled in any in-person or hybrid class must get the COVID-19 booster shot when they become eligible.

You become eligible for the booster:

- five months after the second shot of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine
- two months after the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine

CHECK YOUR VACCINATION CARD NOW to see when you received your final shot. You may already be eligible for the booster, or you may become eligible soon. Get the booster as soon as you are eligible, and [upload your proof](#). If you don't, you may be unable to register for summer or fall classes.

2. Who can come to campus?

- Faculty and staff:** you may come to campus if either (i) you are fully vaccinated, have uploaded your proof in CUNYfirst, and have had that proof approved; or (ii) you have received a negative PCR test from a CUNY testing site in the past seven days.
- Students:** you may come to campus if either (i) you are fully vaccinated, have uploaded your proof in CUNYfirst, and have had that proof approved; or (ii) you have received a negative PCR test from a CUNY testing site in the past seven days *and you have an approved medical exemption or religious exception.*

3. How do I upload my proof of vaccination or booster in CUNYfirst?

- Instructions for students can be found [here](#).
- Instructions for faculty and staff can be found [here](#).

4. What does “fully vaccinated” mean?

Two weeks after a second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine; or

Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's vaccine.

5. I am a member of faculty or staff, is there a vaccine mandate for me?

All full- and part-time faculty, all non-teaching instructional staff (which includes, among others, NTAs, CLTs and those in the HEO series), and personnel in the Executive Compensation Plan, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to remain employed by the University. Some exceptions may apply, and implementation details are being finalized.

6. Where can I get tested?

You can get tested at one of the 20 CUNY testing sites. Site locations and hours of operation can be found [here](#).

7. Who can get tested at a CUNY testing site?

Anyone with an EMPLID or student ID.

8. What are the rules for social distancing?

- a. No social distancing is necessary in classrooms since nearly everyone is expected to be vaccinated. The few people who are not fully vaccinated should maintain distance between themselves and others.
- b. Social distancing nonetheless remains one of the effective tools to combat this virus. It is recommended that everyone continue to maintain distance.

11. Do I need to wear a mask on campus?

Yes. Masks are required on campus at all times while inside.

- i. The **only exceptions** to wearing a mask inside are:

- If a fully vaccinated person is alone in an enclosed space such as an office, conference room, or dorm room. This exception DOES NOT APPLY to anyone who is not yet fully vaccinated.

- If removed briefly while eating or drinking, provided social distancing is maintained.

12. What kind of mask should I wear while on campus?

The CDC is recommending that KN95 or N95 masks be worn. John Jay has purchased KN95 masks and they are available for anyone at any of the Public Safety desks.

13. What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19?

Notify Malaine Clarke [maclarke@jjay.cuny.edu] or Diego Redondo [dredondo@jjay.cuny.edu]. As the Covid Campus Liaisons, they are the only people authorized to give instructions on isolation, quarantine and testing requirements.

14. I'm a student athlete. Do I need to be tested even if I am vaccinated?

Yes, all student athletes, regardless of vaccination status, must test weekly at one of the 20 CUNY testing sites.

15. I was selected for random testing. Do I need to be tested even though I am vaccinated?

Yes. As part of our multi-layered approach to minimizing the spread of Covid on campus, CUNY is randomly selecting 20% of the on-campus population to be tested every week regardless of vaccination status.

16. If I was selected, when do I need to be tested?

You have seven days from the time you received notification from no-reply@cleared4.com that you were selected to be tested.

17. What happens if I do not participate in the random testing if I was selected?

If you do not submit a sample within the seven-day period, you will be contacted by Public Safety on next steps. These may include denial of campus access.