



# President's Report College Council

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# COVID-19 Updates

## Cases on Campus

Recently, three positive cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) were reported on the BMCC campus at 199 Chambers Street. Any community members that were directly impacted have already been notified separately. If you were not contacted, then you are not considered to be at higher risk of exposure.

The cases impacted the in-person instruction of BMCC's Nursing Program. Due to these developments, the in-person Nursing instruction has been suspended for the next two weeks, beginning Feb. 22, 2021 and all associated and relevant instructional activities for this specific program will be conducted remotely. The College is proceeding with this temporary suspension at an abundance of caution and as a reminder to everyone to continue taking measures to protect themselves and others from being infected with COVID-19.



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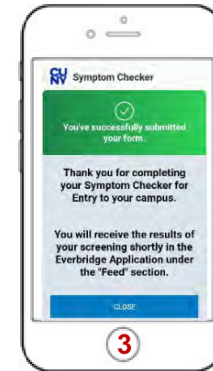
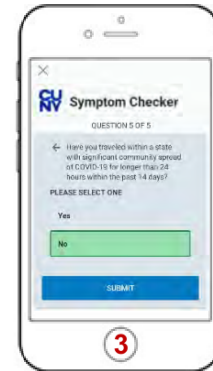
## Reminder: Personal Responsibility



Anyone who visits the BMCC campus must complete a daily health screening using the Everbridge App or the Everbridge Email Option. Questions must be answered **ACCURATELY** and **HONESTLY** in order to prevent exposures to the Coronavirus.

For those who do not have a smartphone, go to the Everbridge Member Portal and sign up, using your CUNY login credentials to receive email notifications.

**BE PREPARED:** If you plan to come to the BMCC Campus, fill out the Everbridge App at home and/or before you arrive to campus to avoid any errors.



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## Planning for a Gradual Increase in Occupancy for Summer and Fall 2021

The Campus Reopening Committee had their Update Meeting (#6), on Tuesday 2/23/21 to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by the new task of developing an increased occupancy plan for Summer and Fall 2021. The proposed plan will be grounded and Informed by the following principles:

- Protecting the Health and Well-being of all members of our BMCC Community with the ultimate goal of improving the educational experiences of our students.
- Maintaining all Existing Safety Protocols (Health Screening/Face Coverings/ Physical Distancing / Handwashing).
- Continue to Improve the Quality of Indoor Air within the limitations of the existing HVAC equipment as it relates to % of Outside Air and impact to thermal comfort.
- Developing the criteria for determining the academic In-Person programs that can offer the greatest benefit to our students.
- Applying the lessons learned from the In-Person programs of prior semesters
- Limited density in all areas of campus with emphasis on avoiding congestion in common areas
- Managing and working within the constraints of our vertical campus (Limited Elevator Use/Capacity)
- Managing the complexities of enforcing the Daily Health Screening requirement and internal tracking/tracking of positive cases on a larger population
- Remaining Flexible in the way Services are Provided and Being Prepared to Adjust to New Set of Circumstances Including Going Back to Remote Instruction

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### Reminders: Resources

All New Yorkers can receive a free COVID-19 virus test. Diagnostic tests are available through NYC COVID Express sites or through other public and private sites (search via the COVID-19 Test Site Finder).

- Visit the Reimagining BMCC website for resources.
- We need to remain vigilant and careful regarding community spread and must adhere to the safety protocols.
- Remember to wash your hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.

## CUNY in THE HEIGHTS

CUNY in the Heights (CITH), administered by BMCC, brings more educational opportunities to neighborhoods by creating multiple pathways to degrees and careers with family-sustaining wages.

During Spring Semester 2021, CITH, remains closed for renovation in order to improve its facilities and learning environment. The renovation is part of BMCC's on-going efforts to bring more educational opportunities to neighborhoods by creating multiple pathways to degrees and careers with family-sustaining wages.

We look forward to welcoming students in Fall 2021!



# Zoombombings

In recent weeks there have been hateful racist “Zoombombing” incidents that have impacted Afrikan Heritage Month events at BMCC and events at other CUNY schools. As we continue to conduct classes, meetings and gatherings through virtual platforms, the college community is encouraged to exercise best practices when using Zoom.

Offices and departments that need assistance with scheduling and hosting virtual events can visit the **Virtual Events website** to learn about Zoom best practices that include:

- how lock down your session
- using a waiting room to welcome guests
- how to remove participants from a gathering.

NOTE: The BMCC community is **discouraged** from publicly posting Zoom events (links) without the protective features of passwords or pre-registration, as those may be more prone to Zoombombing attacks. If you have any questions or need assistance contact the Virtual Events team at: [virtualevents@bmcc.cuny.edu](mailto:virtualevents@bmcc.cuny.edu).



## Presidents Fund for Excellence and Innovation update

Consistent with the donor's intent, we are developing a process by which proposed projects can be formally submitted to a committee that will review all proposals and make recommendations to the President, who will make the final decision on projects that will be funded.

This committee will be comprised of members of the BMCC community, including faculty, staff, students, and representatives from governance. All projects and initiatives supported with the President's Fund for Excellence and Innovation will be in alignment with the donor's intent, the mission and vision of the College, and our new Strategic Plan. The specific proposal criteria are currently being developed, and the process, including the establishment of the review committee, will be finalized by early Spring 2021.

The President's Fund for Excellence and Innovation website, which is still being constructed, will offer updates and include an end-of-year report detailing how funds were spent and utilized.



# Rapid Response Enrollment Team Update

## Spring 2 Express Semester

- March 19th to May 20th
- 55 sections; 1368 seats available; 657 seats filled (49%)
- 420 students have registered (49 Freshman and 37 Transfer)
- 178 students have only enrolled in Spring 2 (42%)
- 242 students are registered in both sessions (20 Freshman and 37 Transfer)

## Pending Spring Initiatives

- Differentiate the BMCC experience in outreach campaigns
- Improve responsiveness to community and focus on high demand program enrollments
- Outreach to engage non-traditional students via unions and continuing ed
- Further exploration of block scheduling
- Consideration and Planning of Fall 2 and Fall 3 (7-week course blocks)
- Review of options to reduce the number of students on probation
  - Review of recommended changes to academic standing policies
  - Role of first year orientation
  - Identify ways to provide support to students earlier in the semester

Direct connection to resources: Advising, Financial Aid, Bursar, Registrar.

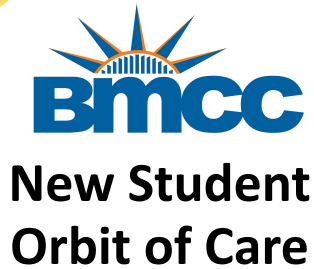
Study Buddies

Co-curricular options

24/7 access



Digital Pathways



Panther Station Supported Care

My community: chats, virtual tables and zoom info sessions

Step-by-step Guides on the steps to enroll

Quick link to help if needed

Peer Coaching

Career Coaching

# Orbit of Care – Peer Onboarding Network

## What is BMCC's Orbit of Care model?

A peer coaching network to guide students through the enrollment process and critical first semester.

## How are we building BMCC's Orbit of Care?

By utilizing available Federal Work Study funds, we can create a supportive network of peer coaches that assist incoming students with all of their BMCC onboarding questions.

## Why is an Orbit of Care so vital for our students?

This model ensures that students will have a BMCC peer contact and will feel supported through the enrollment process and confident that BMCC cares about their student experience.

## Why is an Orbit of Care so vital for our institution?

This model will allow us to build and enhance our enrollment knowledge base, give vital professional training to a large group of eligible work study students, minimize the need for higher level mediation, and leverage our large arsenal of existing technology tools.

# Workforce Development

- In response to the initial COVID-19 outbreak in the Spring 2020, BMCC proactively sought out a partnership with Coursera an online training provider. Through this limited partnership BMCC was able to provide at no-cost access to online workforce training certificate programs to our communities in NYC who were in need of training.
- BMCC has partnered with Google to train 32 individuals in the Google IT Support Specialist certificate program. This initiative is under a Federal apprenticeship program and out of the 32 students in the program, five have been selected to be paid apprentices as part of Google's first Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship program.
- BMCC's Center for Adult Continuing Education and Workforce Development is working with BMCC Nursing and Paramedic Faculty to develop specialized training for 1199-SEIU. This training is for current 1199 CNA's who work in Nursing Home facilities across the 5 boroughs. The training is focused on providing CNA's with guidance on how to treat patients who are on ventilators.



## New Appointments



### **Anthony Watson Appointed Acting Dean of Continuing Education**

I want to take this opportunity to announce that Anthony Watson, Executive Director of the Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC), has accepted the appointment of Acting Dean of Adult Continuing Education and Workforce Development (ACEWD) at BMCC. Mr. Watson began his role on February 8 and continues to serve as Executive Director of the MEOC in addition to his new role as Acting Dean.

## News/Updates

BMCC is partnering with Excelencia in Education to share the release of “25 Years of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs),” a robust analysis designed to inform New York educational policy makers, academic researchers and elected officials about how best to serve Latino/a students in higher education. State University of New York (SUNY) University at Albany will host a public briefing on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to discuss the report.

**President Munroe will be featured in a discussion titled, "Rising to Meet the Moment," alongside Rockland County Community College President Michael Baston, which begins at 10:55 am. The event is free and open to the public. You can register through the article published on the BMCC homepage.**

