



President's Report College Council

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Enrollment Update

- **Spring 2022:** 14,458 [-11.3% from prior year] (with dropped students excluded) Seats offered: 63,191 - Total seats filled: 43,153
- **CUNY in The Heights:** 432 students - 34 sections - Seats offered: 955 - Seats filled: 450
- **Spring Express sessions:** 7W1: 273; 8W2: 367
- **Upcoming dates for vaccination upload for express sessions:** 7W1: January 28; 8W2: March 18

Campus Reopening Steering Committee – Update No. 11

The Committee met on January 18 to review ongoing operations and latest University Reopening Guidelines (Dated 1-10-22), that will inform the necessary updates to our Spring 2022 Plan.

Current Operations

- **Omicron Surge:** Dramatic increase in number of reported positive cases (See CUNY COVID-19 Safety Tracker).
- **Staffing Shortages:** Essential Team members (Public Safety and B&G) working extra hours to provide adequate coverage and avoid disruption to operations and services.
- **Vaccines and Booster:** Continuing to promote and facilitate access to both, working closely with NYC DOH.

Facility Upgrades

- ✓ Over 30,000 sqft of renovated instructional space to improve air distribution, lighting, technology and overall classroom comfort (Mostly at MC).
- ✓ 600 in-room UVC units installed in classrooms and other instructional spaces, with 300 more to go in areas of high occupancy and prolonged interaction.
- ✓ Continue to exceed current CDC and ASHRAE recommendations in regards to air filtration in all building HVAC systems (MERV 14 and 16). In addition to ongoing installation of UV lights in the Air Handling Units, to augment air disinfection and improve overall system performance.

Visit the Reimagining BMCC website for latest COVID updates and other valuable resources.



Spring 2022 Plan

- **Vaccinations and Boosters:** Students and Faculty will be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 for any on-campus activity, including instruction. We await further info on the terms and timing of the faculty vaccine mandate.
- **Face Coverings:** NYS Universal indoor mask mandate will continue to be enforced on our campus.
- **Physical Distancing:** Will not be a required safety measure for classrooms and educational settings.
- **Isolation and Quarantine:** Aligning with latest CDC Guidelines and reducing the number of days required.
- **Contact Tracing:** BMCC will continue to aid and cooperate with NYS and City Health departments with contact tracing efforts, while maintaining confidentiality.
- **Testing:** CUNY has expanded testing accessibility to all CUNY community members and increased the random testing pool (20%). Weekly testing will continue for those unvaccinated or with exemption on vaccine mandate. Rapid tests will also be available on a limited basis.

Vaccination Deadlines

Vaccines are required for all students taking in-person and hybrid courses. Any enrolled student who has not uploaded proof of vaccination documents to CUNYfirst by **Jan. 18** were de-registered from those courses.

Drops due to lack of vaccination for Spring 2022 term: **833**

NOTE: If students subsequently upload proof, they may register for courses up to the end of the add/drop period on **Feb. 3**.

Instructions for Uploading COVID-19 Booster Verification

BMCC students, faculty and staff can now upload their verification for the COVID-19 booster on CUNYfirst. Steps are available in the **Reimagining BMCC website**.

In-Person Work

Starting on **Monday, February 28**, staff members will work **70%** of the time in person. Please start to make any needed preparations to be ready for this transition. *Let's bring back the vibrancy of BMCC!*

At BMCC we continue to remind and encourage everyone to **get vaccinated, get the booster and wear a mask** (preferably, a multi-layer, well-fitting mask with no gaps, that is comfortable, and that covers your nose and mouth) *properly*.

1. Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face. Gaps can let air with respiratory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask.
2. Use a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others' out.
3. *Mandating masks—it's EVERYONE'S responsibility to keep our community in check!*

Mental Health

As we continue to monitor and navigate through this pandemic, remember to stay healthy by practicing positive self-care. BMCC students, faculty and staff can find a variety of resources and helpful information on the **Resilience, Health and Wellness website**.

Let's support each other in staying physically and mentally healthy!

Announcements

Trinity Wall Street Philanthropies, the Lower Manhattan parish that financially supports nonprofits and churches in New York City and around the world, is now funding an urgent need in its neighborhood: student housing. The church announced in December that it is granting **\$2 million** to provide housing for homeless and housing insecure students enrolled at BMCC.

AcMo 2.0 builds on the University's initiatives implemented in **AcMo 1.0**: accelerating student degree completion through co-requisite courses, completion of gateway courses and 30 credits by freshmen in their first academic year, reduction of D, F, W and INC grades, development and implementation of Degree Maps, etc. The main focus of AcMo 2.0 will be on academic advisement, transfer and completion of degree at both the associate and baccalaureate levels with each college having aspirational targets. **BMCC will be forming a core team of administrators, faculty and staff to oversee this initiative.**

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QUESTIONS?