# Returning Safely: A Resource Guide for the City Tech Community

As City Tech returns to more in-person campus activity in Spring 2022, we will work together to support the safety of our college community, and continue to follow CUNY guidance regarding precautions against COVID-19.  For complete information regarding CUNY's Spring 2022 COVID-19 safety guidelines, visit https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/reopening-guidelines/guideline-safe-campus-reopening/.

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## Current Updates (1/27/22)

- Students taking in-person or hybrid courses in Spring 2022 must be fully vaccinated, and have submitted their vaccine documents for approval in CUNYfirst by **January 18**. Per CUNY policy, if you did not submit proof of vaccination and/or it was not approved, or you have not been granted a medical exemption or religious exception, you will be de-registered from your in-person or hybrid course.

- **A booster shot is not currently required for students taking Spring 2022 in-person or hybrid courses, though students should plan to receive a booster shot when eligible and upload their proof in CUNYfirst. More information is forthcoming.**

- As of January 15, per Governor Hochul's mandate, all faculty are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (two dose Pfizer or Moderna regimen, or 1 dose Johnson & Johnson) unless a religious exception or medical exemption has been approved. This requirement is still pending approval by the CUNY Board of Trustees.

- Stay tuned for more information on faculty, staff, and students being able to access campus with an active City Tech ID card, linked to their Cleared4 status. **Right now, however, a photo ID and the Cleared4 mobile pass or printout with the current date is necessary.**

## Campus Access for Vaccinated Students, Faculty, & Staff

- In order to access campus, all fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff must **upload vaccine verification in CUNYfirst**, unless you have applied and been approved for medical exemption or religious exception.
  - As per the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated:
    - Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).
    - Two weeks after their second dose in 2-dose series vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna).
    - At the time specified in either the FDA licensure or World Health Organization (WHO) approval, after the final administration of any other vaccines.
- ==**Plan to upload vaccine verification well in advance of deadlines and needing to access campus, as approval for campus access (Cleared4 CUNY Access Pass) can take several days, especially prior to the beginning of a semester.**==

- To complete vaccine verification, you will need a jpeg, clear photo, or mobile device screenshot of your entire CDC Vaccination Record card; the dates of your two shots for Pfizer or Moderna or one shot for Johnson & Johnson; and if applicable, the date of your booster.
- Once your vaccine verification has been approved, you will receive an email at either your City Tech email address **or** your preferred email address in CUNYFirst, from no-reply@cleared4work.com. Click on the personal link in the email to begin registration with Cleared4. Provide the information requested, then click on "Show Access Pass." In order to access campus, you will need to show Public Safety your Cleared4 CUNY Access Pass, either on your mobile device or with a printout, along with a photo ID. Cleared4 Guide and FAQs
- **Student** Vaccine Verification Instructions and Video.  For help, email studentwellness@citytech.cuny.edu.
- **Faculty and Staff** Vaccine Verification Instructions. For help, email HumanResources@citytech.cuny.edu.


## Campus Access for Those Needing to Show Proof of Negative COVID Test

- Unvaccinated students and faculty with approved medical exemptions or religious exceptions need proof of a negative COVID test taken at a CUNY testing site within the last seven days to be able to access CUNY facilities.
- Unvaccinated students who need to access emergency services on campus, such as mental health counseling or the food pantry, may do so if they present a negative test taken at a CUNY testing site within the last week.
- Unvaccinated staff can access campus by demonstrating proof of a negative COVID test from the past seven days at a CUNY testing site.
- Any CUNY student or employee who needs to be tested for any reason may walk into a CUNY Testing site, show their CUNY ID or provide their EMPL ID and photo ID, register in

the system and be tested. Results are available within 24 to 48 hours. City Tech's COVID Testing site is located at 285 Jay Street, at the corner of Johnson St. For a list of CUNY testing sites and hours of operation, visit here.

## Random Testing

- The random testing of students, faculty and staff that began in late November will be expanded for the Spring to include more people and increase the frequency of testing. Please be on the lookout in case you are randomly selected to be tested as you are required to comply. For CUNY's general FAQ on the testing program, visit here.
- Check the latest numbers in CUNY's COVID-19 Safety Tracker here.

## Mask Policy

Currently, consistent with CUNY policy and the current rate of coronavirus transmission, New York State's universal indoor mask mandate is enforced at City Tech. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must:

- Wear a face mask inside all shared campus spaces, at all times.
- Wear a mask outdoors on campus when unable to maintain physical distance from others (for example, while standing on line at the City Tech testing center).
- The only exceptions to wearing a mask inside are:
  - If a fully vaccinated person is alone in an enclosed space such as an office or conference room.
  - Briefly while eating or drinking, provided social distancing is maintained.

## Physical Distancing

Because students and faculty are expected to be vaccinated in the Spring 2022 semester (except for those granted medical or religious exemptions), physical distancing (keeping space of at least 6 feet between people) will not be a required safety measure for classroom and educational settings. People who are not fully vaccinated should continue to practice physical distancing.

## COVID-19 Reporting and Guidelines

Any student, faculty, staff member or campus visitor who tests positive for COVID-19, or who learns that they have had close contact with an individual who has COVID-19, must self-report to the College regardless of where they received their COVID test.

**To report a COVID-19 exposure or positive test, follow these steps:**
1. **Complete the** Coronavirus COVID-19 Reporting Form.
   - This online form is secure, and all information will be kept confidential.
   - A member of the College's Contact Tracing Team will follow up with you upon receipt of the form.

2. **Students** should notify your professors**. Faculty** should notify your department chairperson. **Staff** should notify your supervisor.

- CUNY follows the [CDC's recently issued guidance](#) on quarantine and isolation times for people in close contact with someone who is positive or those who test positive.
    - Employees and students **who test positive for COVID-19** should isolate for at least 5 days. When to end isolation and return to in-person work or class varies depending on whether or not a person develops symptoms or is severely ill. Please follow CDC's guidance on isolation [here](#).
    - CUNY employees and students who come **into close contact with someone with COVID-19** should base their approach to quarantine – if it is needed, when to end it, and when to test – depending on whether they are boosted, fully vaccinated and when, or unvaccinated.

## Visitor Access to Campus

Before coming to campus, anyone who is not a CUNY student, faculty or staff member (e.g. vendors, contractors, auxiliary employees, event guests, etc) should consult CUNY's most recent guidance regarding access rules and protocols. Visit [https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/reopening-guidelines/guideline-safe-campus-reopening/](https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/reopening-guidelines/guideline-safe-campus-reopening/).

## Campus Facilities Safety Measures

City Tech is reopening carefully and thoughtfully, with multiple facilities improvements to promote protection against COVID-19. Air filtration and circulation have been upgraded to Merv 13, in some cases 14; cleaning protocols have been upgraded to meet CDC guidelines, and protocols are in place for evaluation of cleaning and disinfection of college spaces where a person with COVID-19 spent time (longer than 15 minutes).

## Reporting Concerns, Questions, or Requests

If you have any concerns or questions once you return to campus, please let us know. We care about your experience at City Tech.
- o Students can email Ms. Aries Jones, Student Local Campus Vaccine Authority (LVA) Liaison, at [studentwellness@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:studentwellness@citytech.cuny.edu).
- o Faculty and staff can email Luis Venegas, Safety & Health Officer and COVID-19 Response Liaison, at [lvenegas@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:lvenegas@citytech.cuny.edu).
- o To document a Buildings and Grounds concern, please visit [https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/building-ground/](https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/building-ground/).

## Student Health & Safety FAQs

Visit  [https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/studentinfospring2022/#ReturningToCampus](https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/studentinfospring2022/#ReturningToCampus) for more helpful information about the Spring 2022 semester.