



# College-Wide Open Forum

May 18, 2021

***WELCOME***

**Anthony E. Munroe**

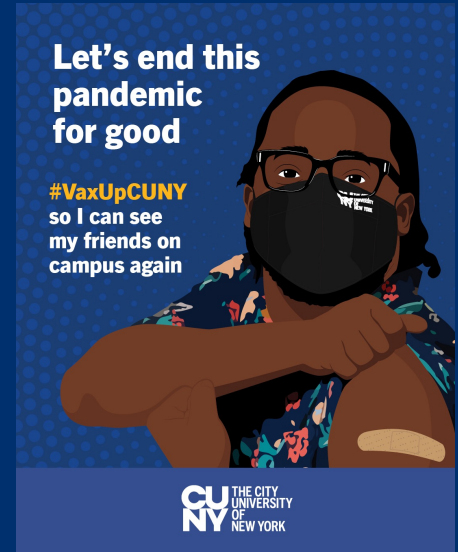
**President**

**Borough of Manhattan Community College**

## Updates

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced on **5/10/21**, that students attending in-person courses in the CUNY and the SUNY systems will be required to get COVID-19 vaccinations before entering in the fall semester.

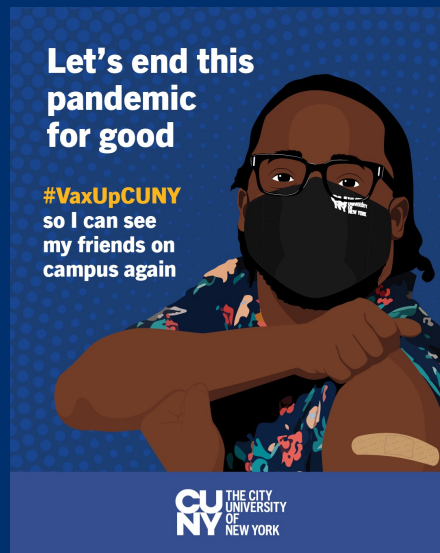
Gov. Cuomo also announced that **beginning May 19**, New York State will adopt the CDC's "Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People" for most business and public settings. Consistent with the CDC guidance, Pre-K to 12 schools, public transit, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, nursing homes, and healthcare settings will continue to follow State's existing COVID-19 health guidelines until more New Yorkers are fully vaccinated.



## Updates

CUNY staff, including those at BMCC, will return to their campus workplaces the week of **August 2**. Faculty and staff will follow in accordance with the BMCC academic calendar. The return to in-person work will be guided by the University's safety-first approach, which includes a blended scheduling system combining remote and in-person arrangements.

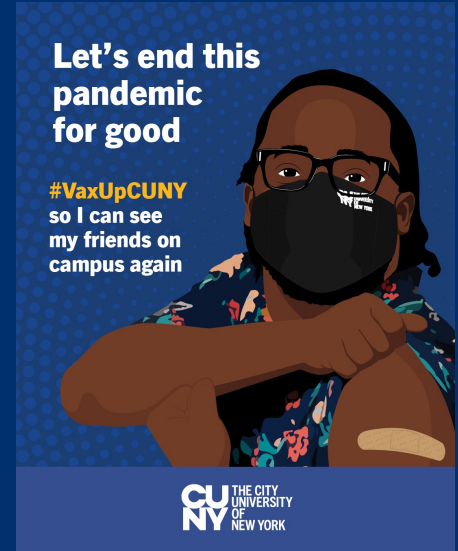
BMCC has submitted its location to the U.S. Department of Education to be considered as a site to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. We will keep you posted.



## Reminders

- Safety for everyone is our first priority.
- We must continue to meet students' needs.
- We need to be flexible.

Please continue to visit the **BMCC Re-imagining website** for more updates and information.



**Jorge E. Yafar**

**Assistant Vice President of  
Campus Planning and Facilities**

# FACILITIES UPDATE

- Enhanced Safety Protocols
- Enhanced Building Program
- Enhanced Building Operations

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# ENHANCED SAFETY PROTOCOLS

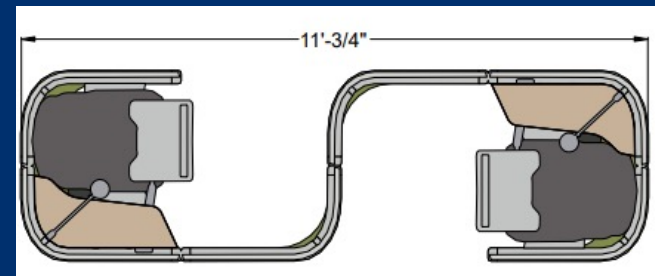
- Hand sanitizing stations at various locations
- Paper towels installed in restrooms
- Continues UVC sanitation of escalator handrails
- Expanded and improved cleaning protocols.





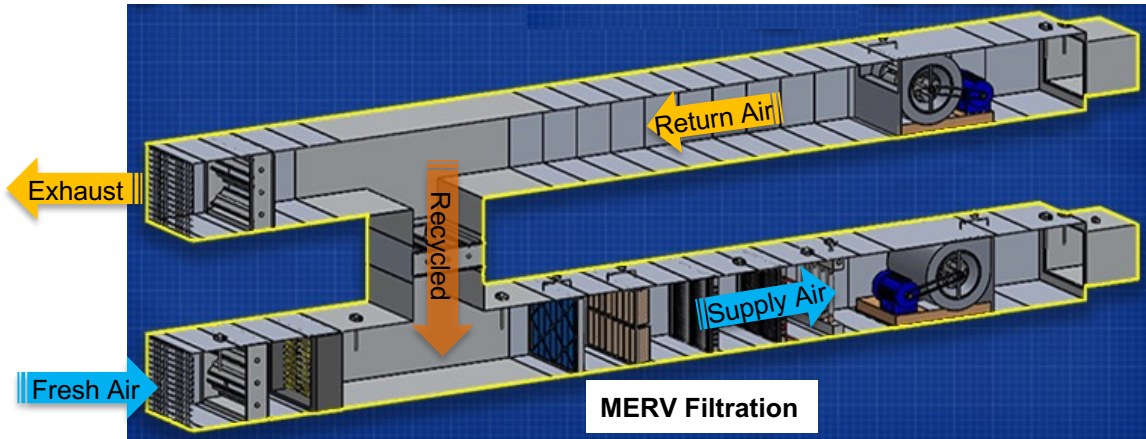
# ENHANCED BUILDING PROGRAM

- Increased In-Person and Hybrid Instruction
- Library (Quiet Study and Group Study Areas)
- Learning Resource Center (Tutoring)
- Counseling Center
- Health Services
- Advocacy Resource Center
- Panther Pantry
- Early Childhood Center
- Panther Station (Admissions/Financial Aid)
- Food Service/Cafeteria (@ 199 Chambers Street only)
- Bookstore
- Fiterman Art Center
- Swimming Pool
- Fitness Center



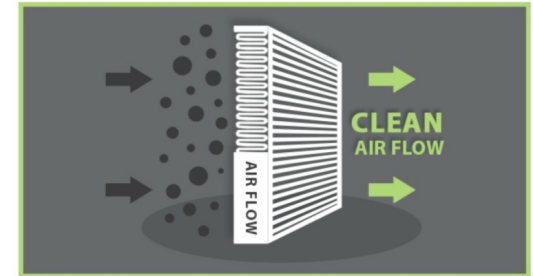
# ENHANCED BUILDING OPERATIONS

- Prioritizing Ventilation in the HVAC formula
- Improved methodology for sanitizing classroom surfaces and air
- Improved Air Quality under the guidance of Environmental Health Safety Officer



## MERV Ratings Range

From 1 = Least Efficient to 20 = Extremely Efficient



lower ← EFFICIENCY → higher

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

lower ← COST → higher

# Michael Spath

Environmental Health Safety Officer and Risk Manager

## Improved Air Quality

Layered Approach---VIDEO

**Lesley Rennis**

Professor of Health Education

**Catarina Mata**

Associate Professor of Science

# Clinical Trials

## Phase 1 20-100 Healthy Volunteers



Researchers try to answer these questions:

- Is this vaccine safe?
- Are there any serious side effects?
- How does the vaccine dose relate to any side effects?
- Is the vaccine causing an immune response?

## Phase 2 Several Hundred Volunteers



Researchers try to answer these questions:

- What are the most common short-term side effects?
- What's the body's immune response?
- Are there signs that the vaccine is protective?

## Phase 3 1000+ Volunteers



Researchers try to answer these questions:

- How do disease rates compare between people who get the vaccine and those who do not?
- How well can the vaccine protect people from disease?

## Phase 4 Vaccine is Approved



Researchers try to answer these questions:

- FDA approves a vaccine only if it's safe, effective, and benefits outweigh the risks.
- Researchers continue to collect data on the vaccine's long-term benefits and side effects.

# COVID-19 Vaccines

| Vaccine Brand Name                              | Who Can Get this Vaccine <sup>[1]</sup> | How Many Shots You Will Need                                   | When Are You Fully Vaccinated? |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Pfizer-BioNTech</a>                 | People 12 years and older               | <b>2 shots</b><br>Given 3 weeks (21 days) apart <sup>[2]</sup> | 2 weeks after your second shot |
| <a href="#">Moderna</a>                         | People 18 years and older               | <b>2 shots</b><br>Given 4 weeks (28 days) apart <sup>[2]</sup> | 2 weeks after your second shot |
| <a href="#">Johnson &amp; Johnson's Janssen</a> | People 18 years and older               | <b>1 shot</b>  | 2 weeks after your shot        |

# COVID-19 Vaccines

- Over 259 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given in the United States from December 14, 2020, through May 10, 2021.
- Three vaccines have received FDA Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs)
  - **Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2)** – 95% effective (manufacturer data)
  - **Moderna (mRNA-1273)** – 94.5% effective (manufacturer data)
  - **J&J/Janssen (JNJ-78436735)**-- 66.3% effective (manufacturer data)
    - After receiving the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, there is risk for a rare but serious adverse event—blood clots with low platelets (thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, or TTS). Women younger than 50 years old should especially be aware of their increased risk for this rare adverse event.
    - This adverse event is rare, occurring at a rate of about 7 per 1 million vaccinated women between 18 and 49 years old. For women 50 years and older and men of all ages, this adverse event is even more rare.
- It typically takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. You are not fully vaccinated until 2 weeks after the 2nd dose of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after a one-dose vaccine.
- Duration of protection is still being researched.
- For the latest information about authorized vaccines, visit [www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines](https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines).

**THANK YOU.**

**QUESTIONS?**