



## A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

### **MASK UP – THE RIGHT THING TO DO!**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez sent a message to the CUNY family concerning the current COVID-19 situation. His request is well worth repeating, given the gravity of the situation – for make no mistake: we are far from reaching the end of the global pandemic.

Chancellor Matos Rodríguez's message included the following:

*New York City's COVID-19 level is currently high... Health officials recommend we wear a mask in indoor public settings and people over 65 and those at high risk of severe illness should also wear a mask in crowded outdoor spaces. As the semester comes to a close and many of you prepare to attend commencements with your loved ones and friends, we urge you to wear a mask in public indoor spaces – for your safety and that of those around you. A reminder that the best way to avoid serious illness from COVID-19 is to stay up to date with the vaccines and boosters. If you have symptoms or were exposed, get tested to ensure you're not spreading the virus. And if you test positive, talk to your doctor about treatment. You can find additional CUNY guidance [here](#).*

For the sake of our friends, families, and loved ones, this is advice we should all take – especially as we approach the end of the school year and look forward to celebrating the 2022 graduates.

Let's all be aware of the ongoing health crisis and do the right thing. We show our love, concern, and respect for others by making sure we protect them and ourselves by this simple, easy act.

Mask up.

*¡Mil gracias y bendiciones!*

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