

The City University of New York

COVID-19 Campus Safety Policy – Visitor Access to Campus (rev. 9/13/21)

This policy is informed by CDC, New York State Department of Health, and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene guidelines relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency. It aims to provide a consistent approach to density management that is in parallel with the processes that are or will be in place for all City University of New York (CUNY) community members who are on campus.

The federal, New York State and New York City rules, regulations, policies, procedures and laws (collectively, “Laws”) regarding the matters covered by this policy change frequently. In the event that the U.S. Government, New York State or New York City adopt Laws applicable to CUNY that are stricter than those set forth in this policy, these stricter Laws shall supersede those in this policy.

This policy is written broadly with the expectation that individual campuses will adopt procedures for implementation of it.

Definition of Visitor

A visitor to a University campus is someone who is not a CUNY student, faculty or staff member. Examples of visitors include, but are not limited to:

- vendors and other individuals coming to campus to perform activities related to a contract with or in support of the University;
- employees of related entities of CUNY including without limitation auxiliary enterprise corporations, colleges associations, and child care centers;
- unpaid college interns;
- community members and other individuals coming to a campus to use University facilities such as pools and gyms, or to attend activities on campus; and
- family members or friends of CUNY students, faculty, or staff.

Rules for Visitors

Subject to the exceptions in this policy, every visitor to a CUNY campus, whether accessing indoor or outdoor spaces, must provide proof to CUNY that they (i) are fully vaccinated or (ii) have had a negative COVID-19 molecular (PCR) test performed by an accredited lab no more than 7 days prior to the visit. “Fully vaccinated” means:

- Two weeks after a second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines; or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine; or

- At the time specified in either the FDA licensure or World Health Organization approval, after the final administration of any other vaccines.

Visitors are also required to comply with all other University policies and codes of conduct, as well as government and/or campus-specific rules and protocols, applicable to individuals on campus that are intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including by way of example:

- any masking and social distancing requirements; and
- complying with any applicable federal, state or local quarantine rules.

Before coming to a CUNY campus, visitors are encouraged to consult the campus' website to review the most current access rules and protocols. You can find links to each campus reopening plans here: <https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/fall2021-reopeningplans/>

Exception for Short Visits with No Close Contact

Visitors who are on campus for 30 minutes or less per visit do not have to comply with any COVID-19 vaccination or surveillance testing requirements applicable to CUNY staff unless the visitor expects during that time to be less than 6 feet distant of another person for a total of 15 minutes or more.

Exceptions for Visitors under 12

At present there is no vaccine available to individuals under the age of 12. The requirements for these children are as set forth on the attached Exhibit 1.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in the denial of access to the campus.

Any modifications of the protocols set forth in this policy must be approved in advance by the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer.

EXHIBIT 1
VISITOR POLICY GRID: UNDER 12 POPULATION

TYPES OF UNDER 12 GROUPS	DESCRIPTION	CUNY PROTOCOL
1. Accompanying a visitor	Children accompanying a visitor who have business to tend to on campus for a limited time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt from testing. • Require masking for those 2 and up.
2. Attending events	Children attending an event, performance, or assembly where a large group will congregate for an extended period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt from testing. • Limit access on campus. • Require masking for those 2 and up; enforce social distancing.
3. Enrolled in programs	Children who routinely come to CUNY facilities to participate in a program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require Weekly Testing. • Require masking for those 2 and up.