

Weekly Newsletter

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WHAT WILL THE SPRING 2022 SEMESTER BE LIKE ON CAMPUS?

With preserving the safety of our community, helping to stop the spread of the coronavirus, and to effectively educate our students as our paramount objectives, MassBay will return to campus for most activities in the spring 2022 semester.

In-person courses at MassBay begin on January 18, 2022, this newsletter will cover a lot about what you can expect campus to be like.

In addition to the information below, be sure to also check out the FAQ for the Spring 2022 Return to Campus.

Over the break, make sure to keep an eye on the 'What to Expect for Spring 2022 Semester' webpage for updated information:

https://www.massbay.edu/corona/campus-expectations

COVID PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN:

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



Restricted Access. The campuses are closed to the public, and only previously cleared MassBay students, faculty, staff, or vendors will be allowed on campus. Individuals coming to campus are required to be fully vaccinated.

Face coverings are required at all times in our buildings. The only time face coverings can be temporarily removed is to take sips from a beverage or when actively eating.

Three feet of social distance is required wherever possible. Signage and floor clings will be prominent to facilitate distancing; classrooms will spread chairs three feet apart; common areas will be oriented to prevent gatherings in close proximity.

Cap on the number of students in each classroom. MassBay is limiting the number of enrolled students in classes to ensure all students and faculty can maintain three feet of distance in all our in-use classrooms.

Voluntary Testing. Students, faculty, or staff may request a test kit once a week. More information on how to obtain a test kit will be available early in the semester.

COVID-19 testing. Testing is not currently required for the spring 2022 semester however, students, faculty, and staff may request a test kit in advance. In the rare circumstance that an accommodation has been granted, that individual will be required to test weekly.

HOW WILL I ENTER CAMPUS?

The entrance to campus will be limited to one location, which will be the main door/entrance. Individuals who are cleared to be on-campus should use the "campus pass" located in the MassBay app to show proof of access when entering that door.

There is a two-part process to gain access to the MassBay campus for the spring 2022 semester:

- **Step 1:** Upload your proof of COVID vaccination document. For more instructions visit here:
 - http://www.massbay.edu/immunization
 - Log into BayNavigator: <u>OneLogin</u>
 - On the Homepage, click the **My Forms** title
 - Click Fill out the New Form button (upper left corner)
 - Select COVID_Student_Vaccination from the list (it may be the only option)
 - Enter Vaccination type and date(s) Click SAVE (upper right corner)
 - Add a picture of your COVID-19 Vaccination Card (required) Click SAVE (upper right corner)
 - Click Green Submit button (upper right corner)
 - Watch this Short Video
- Step 2: Download MassBayGo, our mobile app. SearchMassBay Community College in your App Store to find it. You will use the My Campus Pass tile to enter MassBay buildings. If you have the old MyMassBay app on your phone, please delete it.

WHAT WILL CLASSROOMS BE LIKE?



MassBay will only be using classrooms that meet proper ventilation standards, and they are designed to enable everyone to maintain three feet of social distance. The number of students allowed in our labs and classrooms has been reduced to provide adequate social distance between students.



Individuals may consume food and beverages while oncampus. There will be designated places to eat on campus, so food may not be consumed while class is in session, in computer labs or the library.

Very limited food service options are available on the Wellesley Hills and Framingham campuses, mostly vending machines and snacks. There will be no full-service kitchen/cafeteria services available, so we recommend you bring your own meals to campus. The Ashland campus will continue to offer vending services.



- Individuals may bring their own food and beverages. Microwaves are available for use.
- Face masks may be removed momentarily while consuming.
- Individuals must continue to maintain three feet social distancing while consuming food or beverages.

CAN I BRING A GUEST TO CAMPUS?



Visitors or guests will not be allowed on campus unless you have special permission and have planned ahead.

- Visitors over the age 5 years old must pre-register in advance and submit proof of vaccination with the College.
- At this time, proof of vacation will not be accepted at the main entrance. Visitors and guests must register in advance.
- Individuals under the age of 5 are not permitted on-campus.
- Guests may not accompany students into the classrooms unless approved in advance by <u>Accessibility Resources</u>.

WHERE CAN I STUDY ON CAMPUS?

Computer Labs, Library & Study Spaces

- Computer labs will be open during the spring semester. Please visit the MassBay Help Desk for computer lab hours. Students may continue to borrow chromebooks for the semester. If you are interested in borrowing a chromebook, please
 - visit: www.massbay.edu/chromebook
- MassBay libraries will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00
 - pm. Remote library reference services are available Monday to Friday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please visit: www.massbay.edu/library
- Designated space will be available for students who need to attend remote classes while on-campus.



- Due to social distancing, quiet study space in the library and computer labs will be available at a reduced capacity and on a first-come-first service basis.
- Group study space will be very limited in the library.

WHAT ARE MY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS?



- Shuttle to and from Riverside Green Line T Station
 - MWRTA will be providing shuttle services to and from the Riverside Green Line T Station and the Wellesley Campus. Free with <u>MassBay OneCard</u>.
 - January 3 May 15, 2022 | 7am 5:45pm
 - Shuttle will run continuously. First pick-up at Riverside T Station at 7am. Last pick-up at MassBay Campus at 5:45pm.
- Catch a Free Uber Ride to MassBay Spring Semester 2022!
 - January 3-May 15, 2022
 - We will be offering Uber between Wellesley and Framingham Campuses and at night to Riverside and Woodland Green Line Stations.
- Framingham Campus to Wellesley Campus
 - Registered Students taking an in-person class.
 - Monday–Friday: 7am–11pm
 - Must download the MassBay Uber App and follow detailed instructions.
- Evenings Wellesley Campus, to and from Riverside and Woodland Green Line Stations only
 - Monday–Friday: 6pm–11pm

For more information, updates, and to sign up for the Uber program, please visit: https://www.massbay.edu/shuttle

WHAT WILL CAMPUS SERVICES & OFFICES BE LIKE?

Offices at MassBay Community College will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on the Wellesley Hills campus, and Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on the Framingham campus.

Students will also be able to access services remotely by visiting: www.massbay.edu/studentresources.

WILL THERE BE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS?

Student Life

The college will continue to offer virtual events for all students as well as some in-person events for vaccinated students who are authorized to be on campus. These events will follow all the appropriate safety guidelines such as wearing masks, keeping 3 feet distance between all

participants, and limiting the number of people in spaces/rooms, etc.

Clubs & Organizations

Student clubs will have the option to either meet in person while following all the safety guidelines, continue to meet virtually, or have hybrid meetings/events.



- For more information on Student Life, please visit www.massbay.edu/studentengagement
- For a listing of college events, please visit the Online Event calendar: https://mbccweb.massbay.edu/virtualmeetings/
- For more information on clubs, please visit <u>www.massbay.edu/clubs</u>

External Special Events

Aside from a handful of pre-approved exceptions, there are no external in-person events scheduled for the spring 2022 semester. The College will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation to see if a limited number of on-campus special events can safely be held as the semester progresses.

VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING 2022

A reminder that any student who is planning to come to any MassBay campus and/or affiliated clinical sites will need to provide proof of the vaccine. This includes the following:

- Students who are enrolling in any face-to-face class on-campus.
- Students who are intending to use any on-campus services and resources.
- Students who are required by program or activity to be vaccinated as a condition of participation (e.g. athletics, clinical placements).



For the Spring 2022 semester, students who have not submitted their proof of vaccination are only eligible to register for solely online and remote classes and will only have access to virtual student services.

When do I need to be fully vaccinated by and what does "fully vaccinated" mean?

- For the Spring 2022 semester, students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
- Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after someone takes the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or after taking their second Pfizer or Moderna dose.

For instructions on uploading your proof of vaccination please visit: https://www.massbay.edu/immunization

WIN A GIFT CARD FOR UPLODING PROOF OF VACCINATION!

MassBay Vax Up Challenge!

Every MassBay student who has registered for spring 2022 classes and has submitted their proof of vaccination to the College is eligible to win a **\$50 Amazon gift card** from now through December 22, 2021.

We will draw the names of TEN WINNERS every day from now until winter break.

We need your help – if you've got your vax card, please upload your proof TODAY!

Do the Spring Semester Two-Step Process NOW:

STEP 1: Download MassBayGo, the College's Mobile App

(Visit your app store, search for MassBay Community College, download MassBayGo)



Click **HERE** for written instructions, and **HERE** for a short how-to video.

If you haven't yet gotten your vaccination, there's still time. Get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine by December 20 – find your nearest clinic <u>HERE</u>. If you are registered for spring classes and have already uploaded your vax proof, no action is necessary – you are eligible to win.

Win a \$50 gift card in time for the holidays AND be ready for spring semester.

Vax Up MassBay – Do It Today!!

----- VACCINE TIMELINE -----

Students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Any student who has not submitted proof of vaccination by January 18, 2022, will be dropped from their face-to-face classes. Students who register for face-to-face classes after January 3, 2022, will need to provide proof of vaccination immediately after registering for classes.

To be fully vaccinated by January 18, 2022, the following deadlines must be met:

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PFIZER DEADLINE TOMORROW!

1st Dose by December 14, 2021 2nd Dose by January 4, 2022

JOHNSON & JOHNSON 22 DAYS LEFT

One Dose by January 4, 2022





CONTEST ALERT

We need your help to get the word out about our on-campus COVID rules!

While this is serious stuff, the College wants the message to be one of community strength through shared responsibility and collegiality.

- Please post your suggested slogans in the MassBay App in response to the post about it (see image on how to get to the post).
- To vote on favorites, simply like the post!

The marketing team is working with a group of students to select the winning slogans, which will be put on signs and placed around campus.

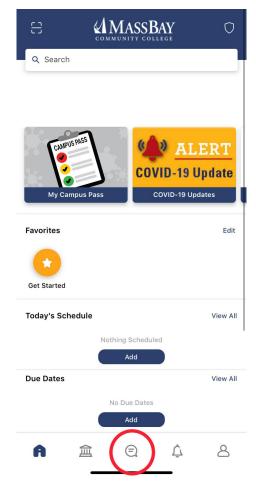
In addition to getting your idea on the walls on campus, winners will receive a MassBay swag bag – just in time for the holidays!

As a reminder, the rules to promote are: maintain 3 feet of social distance; and keep your mask on, covering your nose and mouth.

An example is, "Superheroes wear their masks too." Please respond to the post in the MassBay app with your slogan ideas, and be sure to "like" the best ones!

You have until Friday 12/17 to submit a slogan. Thanks!

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From the Student Engagement Team
GOOD LUCK ON FINALS!

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON &
WINTER BREAK!



NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

VISIT THE VIRTUAL Q & A CENTER!

Connect virtually with a member of our Support Squad through WebEx.

The MassBay Support Squad is available to answer a wide range of questions!

www.massbay.edu/ask

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