Dear Manhattanville Community,

Since March of 2020, we have all learned that the ability to be nimble and flexible is essential. We continue to closely monitor the rise in COVID-19 cases sparked largely by the Delta variant. Our vaccine mandate allows us to gather again in person. However, the virus transmission rate in our area reported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) makes reinstituting a mask requirement, while case transmission remains high, an appropriate step. This is likely to change throughout the academic year and we will continually adjust to the changing public health situation.

**Beginning Monday, August 23, there will be additional safety protocols in place.**

Here’s what you need to know as we start the semester:

- **Masks will be required for everyone in public spaces and group settings.** This includes classrooms, conference rooms, in meetings and at events, and on public transportation to and from the College.
  - In dining areas masks will be required, except for those seated and eating.
  - Masks will not be required in individual offices or in the residence halls.
- College policy regarding masks or other preventative measures related to COVID-19 may change in response to directives from the state or county health departments.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you may require masking in an office or in situations involving close contact.
- Community members who have been granted a vaccine exemption and are not vaccinated must mask at all times indoors. Those who have a need to know of these exemptions will be notified by the College, to ensure compliance.
- Our vaccine mandate remains the same – **ALL FACULTY, ALL STAFF, AND ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION (or be granted a medical or religious exemption) to return to campus.** We will validate vaccination records with New York State as necessary.

We are proud to report that we have nearly 100% compliance of employees with almost all of our faculty and staff vaccinated. Students are still turning in their proof of vaccination to the student health portal. If you have not yet responded, please do so now. **Students who have not shown proof of vaccination will not be permitted to move into the residence halls and will be deleted from in person class rosters.**

The Emergency Management Team (EMT) continues to meet weekly to discuss vaccination compliance and potential safety protocols for fall. Vaccines and masking while transmission rates remain high are our best recourse to keep our community safe. We look forward to a lively Fall Semester with the events and traditions we enjoy.

Sincerely,

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