

Dear Students, Faculty & Staff,

I hope this message finds you all well and safely enjoying this beautiful weather.

Yesterday, [SUNY Chancellor Malatras outlined](#) SUNY's guidance plan for the Spring Semester that asks for the continuance of surveillance testing for all students on-campus with mandatory testing before and after Thanksgiving break. Earlier this morning Dr. Mark Lausch, Vice President for Academic Affairs outlined the College's plan to ensure all NCC students utilizing on-campus services are tested every two weeks, before Thanksgiving break, and upon their return from break. Additional information on our surveillance testing plan can be [found here](#).

Additionally, SUNY announced some recommended changes to the academic calendar in the anticipation that these safety measures will allow for the safe return of in-person instruction for the spring semester. Specifically, the guidance calls for the elimination of Spring break and for the start of in-person instruction for the Spring semester to be delayed until February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The College's Reinventing Taskforce, which incorporates student, faculty and staff voices, have started discussing the potential impacts of an adjusted Spring 2021 calendar. These conversations will continue and additional individuals and groups will be engaged for feedback and recommendations. The Spring semester is shaping up to look much like the Fall with a limited number of face-to-face courses, as to decrease the density on-campus. For Winterim, all courses will be instructed via remote or online.

In the coming weeks, we plan to share with the NCC community exactly what the Spring semester will look like. It is important that we continue to work together to maintain our health and safety, ensuring we attentively follow the safety guidelines and expectations. COVID-19 is still a threat. We all must do our part and we all must mask up.

We are Nassau Strong! We are Nassau Advancing!

Regards,

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