

# COVID Coordination Group

The COVID Coordination Group (CCG), chaired by Tokumbo Shobowale, Executive Vice President for Business and Operations, was established and charged with developing recommendations for the university's return to campus. The group serves as a central connecting point for the university's planning process and is informed by COVID-related input from government and public health agencies, expertise from university sub-committees, and insights from the NYC Colleges and Universities COVID Coordination Council.

The group expands on the extensive COVID planning to date by the following committees:

- COVID Recovery Working Group (Summer 2020)
- Issues for Academic Spaces Reopening (Fall 2020 - Spring 2021)
- Safe Return to Campus Working Group (Spring 2021)

Its work will be completed in the fall, when the university will determine appropriate next steps for COVID-specific planning, coordination and campus operations.

## CCG Membership

- Chair: Tokumbo Shobowale, Executive Vice President for Business and Operations
- Lead: Steven Melzer, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Academic: Maggie Koozer, Vice Provost, Curriculum and Learning; Jed Crocker, Senior Director for Academic Operations and Planning
- Student Health: Jayne Jordan-Levy, Director of Medical Services
- Student Life: Susan Austin, Associate Provost for Student Life
- Enrollment Management and Strategic Partnerships: Eren Hock, Manager of Special Projects
- Human Resources: Andrea Yenco, Assistant Vice President for Benefits
- Campus: Thomas Whalen, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management; Jo Goldberger, Assistant Vice President, Buildings
- Communications: Amy Malsin, Assistant Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs
- IT: Marcus Longmuir, Senior Director, Academic Technology
- University Planning: Lisa Bonner, Assistant Vice President for Business Services
- Faculty Senate: Tanya Kalmanovitch (full-time), Susan Stellin (part-time)
- Staff Senate: Maria-Elena Grant, Antonia Craig (Co-Chairs)
- Student Senate: Noor Lima Boudakian, Weiouqing Chen (Co-Chairs)
- Function or topic-specific leads, as needed

## CCG Responsibilities

- Identify, prioritize, and implement COVID-specific resources and guidance across university planning, primarily:
  - Health and Safety: e.g., testing, vaccination, distancing, masks, official guidelines, systems
  - Communications: e.g., operating levels, external and internal information sharing (including a relevant dashboard)
- Support university planning teams with consistent, informed policy guidance
- Recommend to the President's Leadership Team on COVID-specific policies and major resource requests

## Milestone Highlights

- ~~April 30: Staff required to work on campus in Fall 2021 notified~~
- ~~June 1: [Update on Academic Pivot Plan announced](#)~~
- ~~June 15: [Update on Student Vaccinations re: timeline, international](#)~~
- ~~July 15: [Revised COVID health policies and systems announced](#)~~
- ~~July 21: University Town Hall for Faculty and Staff re: Return to Campus policies (+ 1 additional to be scheduled)~~
- ~~August 22-24: Student Move in~~
- ~~August 30: First Day of Fall 2021 Classes~~
- Oct 15: Updated COVID practices announced