

BLS CommunityConnect

Updates, news, and resources
for Brooklyn Law students,
faculty, and staff



Brooklyn Law School offices will be closed from December 24 and reopening January 4.

Dec. 22, 2020

Important Reminder: All COVID test results should be uploaded on BLSConnect to the [COVID testing result form](#). COVID test results should no longer be sent to the COVID coordinator email address.

COVID-19 Vaccine for New Yorkers: Get the Facts

New York launched a [new website](#) this week about the COVID-19 vaccine with everything you need to know. It provides New Yorkers with a one-stop location for accurate and up to date information on the vaccine, safety, distribution priorities and more.

On the site, New Yorkers can find general information about the vaccine, a detailed Frequently Asked Questions section that provides facts about the vaccine's safety and efficacy, and other questions you may have.

Learn more at covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov.

Library Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Thursday, December 24, through Sunday, January 3.

Please check the [library calendar](#).

Travel Guidelines

New York State's revised Travel Advisory allows out-of-state travelers to New York to "test out" of the mandatory 14-day quarantine requirement. These guidelines are as follows:

For travelers who were in any State (except those contiguous to New York as stated in the travel advisory) for more than 24 hours:

- The traveler must complete the "[Welcome to New York Traveler Health Form](#)."
- The traveler from another State must obtain a negative COVID test within three days of departing from that State to travel to New York. The traveler must quarantine for three days upon arriving in New York. **See more required guidelines.**
- On the fourth day of the quarantine, the traveler must obtain another negative COVID test before exiting the four-day quarantine. If the test is positive, the traveler must complete a 14-day quarantine. If it is negative, the traveler may exit the 4-day quarantine.
- For traveling members of the BLS Community, a negative COVID test result must be presented to the COVID Coordinator at the end of the quarantine. The quarantine must continue until the traveler is able to submit a negative result. Failure to provide negative test results will result in the deactivation of the identification card and denial of access to the Law School's academic buildings.
- Feil residents must inform [Fortune Attardo](#) of their travel plans so that the Law School can manage compliance with the State's requirements and more importantly, ensure a safe residential environment.

For travelers who were in another State for less than 24 hours:

- The traveler must complete the "[Welcome to New York Traveler Health Form](#)" upon entering New York and take a COVID test within 4 days after their arrival in New York.
- The negative test result must be presented to the COVID Coordinator or the identification card will be deactivated.

The revised travel advisory does not affect any of the other conditions under which 14-day quarantine is required: (1) testing positive for COVID; (2) in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID; and (3) international travel.

Guests of BLS student residents who are travelling from outside the tri-state area, must follow the NY State Guidelines above. The guest cannot be on the BLS campus until after they have quarantined and submitted a negative COVID test. The quarantine is not allowed to take place in a BLS residence.

These guidelines are subject to change by NY State. If you are traveling outside of NY State it is your responsibility to check the latest requirements. Visit the [NY Health Department COVID-19 Travel Advisory site](#) for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the COVID Coordinator at covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu or Stephanie Vullo at stephanie.vullo@brooklaw.edu.

Where to Get Tested

Testing in NYC is open to everyone and free at over 200 locations. You can check the nyc.gov/covidtest website or text "COVID TEST" to 855-48 to find a testing site nearest to you.

Students should provide their NYC address at the time of testing – that will enable NYC to provide services to the student if needed and enable tracking and tracing if necessary.

NOTE: The Law School does not accept the COVID-19 Rapid Test.

COVID-19 Alert NY



The **COVID Alert NY app** from the NYS Department of Health is a voluntary, anonymous, exposure-notification smartphone app. You will get an alert if you were in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Knowing about a potential exposure allows you to self-quarantine immediately, get tested and reduce the potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others.

COVID-19 Precautions

COVID Coordinator

Louise E. Cohen

(347) 821-8904

covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu

If Louise Cohen, the COVID-19 coordinator, reaches out to you, you must respond. Failure to respond may result in the deactivation of your ID card.

Reminder

On December 14, indoor dining in New York City was suspended. Outdoor dining, delivery, and takeout will remain in place. This suspension will continue to be re-evaluated based on updated data over the coming weeks.



COVID-19 educational and instructional video for the Brooklyn Law School community.



New BLS COVID Screening App

covidscreening.brooklaw.edu



Please remember to observe the signage, markings, and stanchions throughout the buildings. Students attending in-person classes should follow directions on entering and exiting, and should leave the premises immediately after exiting the classroom.

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

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Stay safe and please follow these guidelines:

- Practice social distancing
- Wear a face covering
- Don't crowd elevators
- Avoid touching your face
- Wash/sanitize hands frequently
- Stay home if you feel sick

Questions or to report Covid-19 symptoms,
email covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu
www.brooklaw.edu/covid

The Brooklyn Law School **Reopening Plan**: Operating during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Calendar of Events

Winter Session

Dates: 1/4/21 - 1/8/21

Inaugural January Jumpstart: Career Development Program

Dates: 1/13/21 to 1/15/21

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed: Law School Holiday

Date: 1/18/21

First Day of Classes

Date: 1/19/21

Seventh Annual Disability & Civil Rights Clinic Roundtable

Date: 2/05/20

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EST

See the **Calendar of Events on BLS Connect** for Zoom links

COVID-19 Links

- Brooklyn Law School Reopening Plan
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- NYS Department of Health

What's New in the Neighborhood

- Outdoor Events in Downtown Brooklyn
- Where to dine outside in Downtown Brooklyn
- Winter events & activities in Brooklyn



Join Dean Cahill and faculty members for lively discussions of legal issues related to the pandemic and other urgent challenges of our time.



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