

Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE: Return to Scheduled Course Modality

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From: President Lugo

To: AllStudents, Staff-FT-PT, Fulltimefaculty, Sponsored, Adjunct Faculty, Staff-temps

Dear Queens Community,

I am writing to confirm that as planned, we will return to hybrid learning on Wednesday, February 3. All undergraduate and graduate courses will be held in their originally scheduled modality starting this day. We recognize there may be nuances. Faculty will be in direct communication with students regarding any impact on their courses.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complied with the Mecklenburg County Health Department's directive to hold classes virtually during the past two weeks. This period allowed us to take a layered approach to our Royal Return plan, while contributing to the community effort to limit group gatherings and gain control of the spread of COVID-19 in our area. The county's COVID-19 statistics have trended downward during this period.

During this re-entry period, we affirmed the importance of our testing effort, which identified dozens of asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 among students and employees. Without our arrival testing protocol, these individuals would have likely spread the virus more broadly in our community and beyond. Our Royal Return plan undoubtedly helped identify and contain these cases to keep more of us safe and healthy. We will now count on everyone's compliance when invited to participate in our weekly COVID-19 survey testing protocols.

If you are a commuter student or a residential student who decided to move in later, be on the lookout for communication from the student life office about arrival testing. We will continue to keep you updated on our weekly survey testing results.

Sincerely,
President Lugo