

BLS CommunityConnect

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



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

COVID-19 Testing Requirements

To access the BLS campus during Fall 2020, all students, faculty, staff, and non-BLS Feil Hall residents must submit: (1) the **COVID Commitment Form**, and (2) the results of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test to the COVID Coordinator at covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu. The results must be from a test conducted within 14 days of submission.

Current faculty and staff who did not submit the COVID Commitment Form and the results of a negative COVID test by August 31, 2020, will have their identification cards deactivated and will not be allowed access to 250 Joralemon Street, 111 Livingston Street, Feil Hall, and the Clinton Residences. The identification cards of current and incoming students who did not comply by August 31, 2020, will not be activated to allow entry to the BLS premises and to reserve seats in the library and student lounge for study. In addition, incoming students will not be able to attend in-person class sessions.

Please note: “Access” does not mean that students, faculty, and staff are invited to enter the premises on a daily basis. The Law School’s buildings are otherwise currently closed except to faculty who are teaching or who have provided prior notice to security, students taking classes on campus this fall, **faculty and students using the library for research or study (with seat reservation)**, essential employees, and 2020 graduates studying for the October bar exam.

If you have any questions, please contact covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu.

READ THE BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

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.

There are currently 33 states and two territories on the [NYS travel restriction list](#) (as of September 1).

Brooklyn Law School Welcomes New Students at Annual Convocation Ceremony

Brooklyn Law School welcomed 414 new students on August 24 at the annual Convocation Ceremony, which was held online this year. Vice Dean [Christina Mulligan](#) served as master of ceremonies for the event, which featured remarks from Professor [Frank Pasquale](#); [Erika Lorshbough](#) '12, Deputy Policy Director at the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU); and Dean [Michael T. Cahill](#).

The incoming class includes 381 full-time J.D. students and 33 students in the extended four-year J.D. program. The LL.M. program welcomed 11 new students from seven countries: Albania, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Greece, Romania, Russia, and Spain. Read more: https://www.brooklaw.edu/News-and-Events/News/2020/2020_08_26

Library News

Use our reservation system to book a seat in the Library or other Law School study space. (The link is the same as the current one.)

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed. To use the Library and other law school study spaces, **you must make a seat reservation** using the Library's new **seat reservation system**. After booking a space you will receive a confirmation email that will include instructions on how to check in and out of the space when you arrive and leave. If you have questions about library services, or need help finding or using our many resources, email us at askthelibrary@brooklaw.edu.

Contact

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Gyms Reopen

On Tuesday, Planet Fitness at 66 Boerum Place near Feil Hall reopened.

Hours:

M-Th 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sat - Sun 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Check your gym for reopening hours and guidelines.

Upcoming Events

Book Talk: The Feminist War on Crime

Date: 9/17/20

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Save the Date: Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Forum

Date: 9/22/20

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Law in Time of Crisis



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



New in the online store: [BLS-branded masks](#)



Register to vote or check your registration status.

COVID-19 Links

- [Brooklyn Law School Reopening Plan](#)
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - [NYS Department of Health](#)
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What's New in the Neighborhood

- [Where to dine outside in Downtown Brooklyn](#)
 - [Take a yoga class or kayak in Brooklyn Bridge Park](#)
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