

# 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.

Sept. 10, 2020

## New BLS COVID Health Screening App Now Live

To keep the BLS community safe, the use of a [COVID Health Screening App](#) is now required when entering Law School buildings.

Students, faculty, and staff, who need to enter the Law School buildings, can log onto the App through their phone to fill out a short form to provide contact information and answer COVID-specific, health-related questions. After completion of the form, the individual will see an Approval or Denial sign on the screen of their phone, which they will then show to security guard at the entrance.

All faculty, staff, and students will be required use the App for entry to 250 Joralemon Street and 111 Livingston Street. Visitors to Feil Hall will be required to use the App for entry.

Save time by filling out the questionnaire before coming to campus. Go to [covidscreening.brooklaw.edu](https://covidscreening.brooklaw.edu).

## Reminder: COVID-19 Testing Requirements

To access the Law School 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](mailto: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 Aug. 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 Aug. 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.

READ THE BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

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## Where to Get Tested

Testing in NYC is open to everyone and free at over 200 locations. You can check the [nyc.gov/covidtest](https://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 more than 30 states and territories on the [NYS travel restriction list](#) (as of September 8).

## COVID-19 Precautions



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.

## **Governor Cuomo Announces School Reporting Guidance**

Schools with 100 positive COVID-19 cases or where five percent of the School's population has tested positive for COVID-19 must shut down for two weeks. For more information see the full [Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Higher Education](#) document.

## **New Students Welcomed at Annual Convocation Ceremony**

The Law School welcomed 411 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](#). [Read More](#).

## **Library News**

## Book a Seat

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](mailto:askthelibrary@brooklaw.edu).

## Gyms Reopen in NYC

**Planet Fitness at 66 Boerum Place** near Feil Hall has reopened with new safety guidelines instituted.

### 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.*

## Contact

### COVID Coordinator

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[covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu](mailto:covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu)

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## Upcoming Events

### Becoming a Public Defender

Date: 9/10/20

Time: 12:45 p.m.

### Book Talk: The Feminist War on Crime

Date: 9/17/20

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

### Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Forum

Date: 9/22/20

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

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# 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.

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

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Register to vote or check your registration status.

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## 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

- [Outdoor Events in Downtown Brooklyn](#)
  - [Where to dine outside in Downtown Brooklyn](#)
  - [Take a yoga class or kayak in Brooklyn Bridge Park](#)
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## COVID-19 Safety Guidelines



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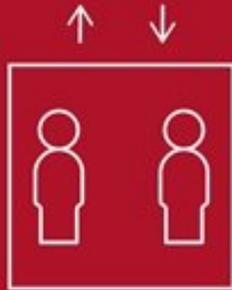
Stay safe and please follow these guidelines:



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](mailto:covidcoordinator@brooklaw.edu)  
[www.brooklaw.edu/covid](http://www.brooklaw.edu/covid)

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