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Designation of Essential Personnel

To the Baruch College Staff,

As you are aware, yesterday CUNY authorized campuses to begin transitioning all non-essential staff to a distance-working mode by Wednesday, March 18.

Each campus has been authorized to determine who is deemed essential for teaching and administration as we move to distance environments. During this unprecedented and highly fluid period, the College is going to make specific determinations regarding who is/is not deemed essential as we gear up to operate in a distance mode for both administration and pedagogy, and these determinations will likely change over time.

This means that our essential staff roster may well change, and there may be demands placed on your unit in response to specific needs for teaching and administration. I ask that all supervisors remain prepared to assist as we navigate through this situation and help us to maintain our mission to serve our students as effectively as possible.

I want to thank all of you for your resilience, your flexibility, and your understanding as we respond to the rapidly evolving coronavirus pandemic threat.

Sincerely,

Mitchel B. Wallerstein, PhD
President, Baruch College