

# CARDOZO LAW

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## FALL 2020 SEMESTER UPDATE

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July 14, 2020

*This message is the latest in our biweekly series of announcements regarding the fall 2020 semester at Cardozo. For previous updates, click [here](#).*

### Reminders

Cardozo takes the health and safety of our entire community seriously and all of our policies will follow or exceed New York State Higher Education Best-Practices Guidelines. In addition, **no student or faculty member will be required to attend class in-person during the upcoming academic year (through Spring 2021).**

We plan to open the library and parts of our building to students beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>, subject to physical distancing rules and other safety protocols. We are continuing to reimagine what a Cardozo education can look like in a hybrid environment, using what we learned last semester and developing new opportunities for all students to engage in meaningful academic and social interactions both remotely and in person on the Cardozo campus.

### Announcements

#### Student Life and Student Needs:

- As we announced at the Town Hall last week, *the student fee that is ordinarily charged in addition to tuition has been waived for the 2020-21 academic year.* First-year students who started in May and have already paid this fee will receive a refund, which will be credited to your fall 2020 semester tuition account.
- The law school has increased funding to help students who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact Jon Goldberg, Director of Student Finance, at [jgoldbe2@yu.edu](mailto:jgoldbe2@yu.edu) to apply for financial assistance through Cardozo's Petrie Grant Fund.
- Student organizations will be able to reserve classrooms to conduct in-person meetings, provided that space is available. Physical distancing and masks will be required at all times.
- All students will receive a Microsoft Teams account (Microsoft Teams includes capabilities that are similar to Zoom). Student organizations and clubs can use Teams to organize and conduct

meetings and to host events, conferences and symposia. We will be offering training to student leaders later this summer.

- Once the fall semester begins, students who are in need of quiet study space will be able to reserve space in the library or a classroom.
- The library has dozens of databases and digital resources available for students studying remotely. Our specialized research guide ([here](#)) is continuously updated to include additional resources.

**Town Halls:** There will be a Town Hall meeting for incoming and May 1L students on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Town Hall meeting for current students on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Invitations will be issued in the coming days. Cardozo administrators are working to provide responses to the remaining questions from the July 9th Town Hall. Responses will be shared with the community via email.

## **Health and Safety:**

### *Mandatory Quarantine*

New York State has imposed a [14-day quarantine period](#) for people arriving in New York from certain states. See <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>. International students and those coming from the listed states must self-quarantine for 14 days before coming to campus.

### *Plans and Procedures*

The safety of everyone in our community is our highest priority. The University has hired a medical director, Dr. Robert Van Amerongen, who will ensure everything we do is in line with the highest standards of health and safety practices.

Yeshiva University has established the following procedures for the fall semester, all of which apply to the Cardozo campus:

- Students, faculty and staff will be required to take a COVID-19 swab test less than two weeks prior to entering the building. Each student ID will be disabled before August 1 and reactivated upon the University's receipt of a negative test. If you have health insurance through the University, your insurance policy will cover this test.
- All students and employees must complete a daily health screen prior to entering campus. The University will be providing an app for your smartphone that will be used for the daily screening [those without smart phones will fill out a paper form].
- Masks will be required for everyone in the building, and social distancing guidelines must be adhered to to the extent possible.
- Occupancy of bathrooms will be regulated.

- Starting times of in-person classes will be staggered to limit the amount of traffic in and out of the building at any given time.
- Classes will be held on the first, second or third floor. Only persons with disabilities will be allowed to use the elevators to access these floors. All seats will be at least six feet apart.

The next update will be issued the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>.