



Montefiore



From the OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Einstein Community:

Today, I'd like to report on several positive developments at Einstein.

All of you recently received an e-blast notification from a platform called Qualtrics with a link to the Einstein COVID-19 Vaccination Survey. Through your responses, we hope to learn how many in our campus population have been fully vaccinated and/or have plans to be vaccinated.

To date, 78% of you have completed the survey and I'd like to thank everyone who has responded so far. The information that you've provided will help us set the safe and appropriate occupancy levels in labs, offices, and common areas around campus.

Of the 1,747 participants, nearly 83% indicated they are fully vaccinated. Additionally, nearly 12% of others have had their first dose of a vaccine or anticipate getting it soon, which represents an extraordinary vaccination rate for our campus. I urge those of you who have yet to complete the survey to please respond to the brief questions. It will only take a few minutes.

For those who are still unsure of whether to vaccinate, I encourage you to attend this week's [vaccination forum](#), on **Friday, April 30** at **noon**. The forum features Inessa Gendlina, M.D., an infectious diseases expert in our department of medicine, who will discuss the latest information on available vaccines and address any questions you may have. Please check the [intranet](#) for additional information on this event, including where to submit questions.

For everyone wishing to schedule a vaccination appointment for yourself and others in your family over age 16, you can visit [Montefiore's COVID-19 Resource Center](#) or call its hotline number, noted on the website. You also can [view an e-](#)

[blast](#) sent by Yvonne Ramirez that provided extensive details, including how you can use [our COVID-19 vaccination paid time off provisional policy](#) when making an appointment.

As I've said time and again, we're all in this together and I'm deeply appreciative that so many of you have sought to ensure that our campus community will be safer thanks to your preventative efforts through vaccination and by continuing to follow the recommended safety measures for preventing the spread of the virus.

More Good News

I'd also like to share some recent accolades that are noteworthy. Please join me in congratulating these individuals on their accomplishments.

- Einstein researchers—Jonathan Lai, Ph.D., and the team of Andras Fiser, Ph.D., John Blanchard, Ph.D., Simone Sidoli, Ph.D., and Johanna Daily, M.D.—are winners of the highly competitive **XSeed Award**. Each will receive \$100,000 and take part in XSeed's efforts to build a community of entrepreneurs in New York City through networking and peer mentorship. You can [read the news story](#) that was posted on our website today.
- Einstein postdoc Maria Maryanovich, Ph.D., was named a recipient of the American Society of Hematology's new ASH Research Restart Award, which is designed to support a year of research for those whose research has been interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Maryanovich works in the lab of Paul Frenette, Ph.D., and was a 2019 winner of Einstein's Dennis Shields Award for Outstanding Postdoctoral Research.
- Alpha Omega Alpha has recently informed us that Einstein has been awarded an **AQA 2021 Medical Student Service Leadership Project Grant** for our "Einstein Community Corps" proposal. The first-year grant award is for \$5,000.

Congratulations to all for their outstanding work. You can find additional good news in the latest issue of [Einstein & Montefiore Connections](#), which highlights our news and top stories. And I hope you will enjoy a new video, "[The Einstein Difference](#)," which is currently running on the Einstein homepage.

Finally, I'd like to invite all of you to tune into **my next "Ask the Dean" chat**, on **Friday, April 30**, at **11 a.m.** We've moved up the time so that it won't interfere

with the vaccination forum. I've asked **Yaron Tomer, M.D.**, professor and chair of medicine, and **Lauren Shapiro, M.D.**, director of the internal medicine residency program, to join me and discuss the role of our residents in the pandemic, along with some of the latest news from their department.

As we move closer to commencement and the end of our academic year, I wish you all good health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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