

Elevator Info & Updates

Baruch's Facilities and Operations team works diligently to keep our elevators in safe working order. Because of our reliance on vertical means of transportation, Baruch College has made a significant investment in ensuring our elevators are functioning and in service including:

- Services from an on-site third-party provider to maintain our elevators on a daily basis and
- Regular independent inspection and testing.

Even with this critical oversight, we could use your help! The steps below will make a meaningful difference in reducing outages or further wear and tear:

- Avoid overcrowding the elevator cabs. Consider taking the stairs where possible to lessen crowding.
- Never use your body to hold open or lean on elevator doors and avoid continuously pushing buttons.
- Keep clothing or bags clear of closing elevator doors.

In the event an elevator gets stuck or something is not working correctly:

- Please remain calm and use the emergency call button or phone to notify Public Safety and follow their instructions.
- Never attempt to exit a stalled elevator without the help of building management or emergency responder.
- Move to the rear center of the elevator and face the doors while waiting for help.
- Be courteous to other riders especially those that need assistance.

Below are some important updates on our effort to achieve more comprehensive improvements for elevators throughout the campus, with information by building:

Information and Technology Building (ITB)

Last year we completed the first phase of a capital project to repair and renovate the internal components of all of the ITB elevators. We just commenced the 2nd phase to renovate each elevator lobby throughout the entire building including new call buttons, wall, floor and ceiling finishes as well as new signage. We expect to complete this work in 2024.

Newman Vertical Campus (NVC)

As part of our commitment to improving our infrastructure, we are pleased to share that a new capital project, approved and funded by CUNY is scheduled to begin in 2024. This project will start with a full conditions assessment of all NVC elevators with repairs and construction to follow. We are at the very early stages of planning this significant project.

17 Lexington Ave (17 Lex)

Baruch has regularly reported our 17 Lex elevator issues to both CUNY and DASNY leadership, with detailed reports justifying the need to renovate each elevator. As part of our capital planning process, CUNY has agreed to conduct a new independent 3rd party evaluation of each of the 6 elevator cars. This assessment will shape the scope of a new capital project to make necessary repairs. We are following up diligently to ensure full funding approval to move this assessment forward.

The importance of this critical infrastructure is paramount to our collective success and remains a top priority. We look forward to sharing updates on our progress and thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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