

Q: Is New Orleans open?

A: Yes! New Orleans remains open for business and leisure visitation. In fact, most businesses are continuing to operate at 100% capacity both indoors and outdoors while upholding our citywide Modified Phase Three Plan.

Q: What is the Modified Phase Three Plan?

A: With safety being the top priority for locals and visitors alike, the City of New Orleans' Modified Phase Three plan entails proof of COVID Vaccine / Negative COVID Test and an indoor mask mandate.

This means all persons 12 years and older will be asked to show proof of (at least one dosage) an approved COVID-19 vaccine OR present a negative PCR test taken no more than 72hrs prior to entering most indoor venues throughout Orleans Parish.

Additionally, all persons, whether vaccinated or not vaccinated, are being asked to continue wearing their masks in all indoor spaces.

Q: How can I show proof of vaccination?

A: Acceptable evidence of a COVID-19 vaccination includes:

- *LA Wallet App's SMART Health Card*
- *An original, digital photograph, or photocopy of CDC Vaccination Card (both sides)*
- *An official vaccine record issued by another state, a foreign nation, or the World Health Organization.*
- *An official vaccine record issued through a vaccine clinical trial*

Q: Are rapid tests permissible?

A: To ensure accuracy and safety at the highest level possible, only PCR tests are acceptable as proof at this time. Rapid tests are not permissible.

Q: Can I receive a COVID test or vaccine locally?

A: Absolutely! Most are free, but note, result turnaround times vary. Here are the links for a list of [COVID testing](#) + [vaccine sites](#) for more information.

Q: What are other options to enjoy New Orleans?

A: Outdoor activities and dining are great alternative options for special cases. You can still enjoy many of the amazing attractions, dining, and event music that New Orleans has to offer if you are unable to provide proof of vaccination or receive negative COVID test results in time.

Q: Have any festivals been canceled besides Jazzfest?

A: We remain in close communication with local festival and event organizers as cases are monitored, vaccines are continuing to be administered, and safety measures change daily to fit the needs of the city.

At this moment, the following festivals have confirmed their cancelations for 2021:

- *The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival*
- *French Quarter Festival*
- *Beignet Fest*
- *Fried Chicken Festival*
- *Bayou Bacchanal*

Q: Should we postpone our trip?

A: We want our guests to have a truly memorable and uniquely New Orleans experience when they visit. We understand that current circumstances are out of the norm, but rest assured that our incredible food, music, history, architecture, tours, world-class attractions, and culture - the things people love most about our city - are all here and ready for you to experience and enjoy safely. Our business owners, musicians, artists, chefs, tour guides, and more are eager to greet you!

If you've planned a trip or are planning a trip to New Orleans, visit www.NewOrleans.com or reach out to us via social [@VisitNewOrleans](#) for suggestions on how to make your visit memorable.