

## 4. COVID-19 – Health, Safety, and Travel

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

The National 8(a) Association is committed to the health and safety of everyone participating in the 2021 New Orleans Regional Conference. We are continuously monitoring recommendations from City of New Orleans health authorities, Convention Center leaders and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Attendees traveling from out of state should reference the [City of New Orleans COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Information](#) or the [Ready NOLA COVID-19 Guidelines Information](#) page before traveling to New Orleans. Effective August 16, 2021, proof of vaccination for all eligible individuals 12 years and older, or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours, will be required at most indoor venues in Orleans Parish and outdoor events where more than 500 people are in attendance. In addition, Louisiana remains under a statewide mask mandate.

The National 8(a) Association has partnered with [Safe Access](#) to assist with providing a safe and secure environment and adhering to all required city and venue mandates. We encourage all participants to regularly monitor our [COVID-19 Statement and Health and Safety Policy](#) page on the conference website for updates.

### SAFEACCESS

In order to attend any event in New Orleans, effective August 16, 2021, New Orleans Mayor Cantrell mandated that the City of New Orleans will now require proof of vaccine and/or a negative covid test within 72 hours of entry.

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**All attendees are required to login to SafeAccess and upload proof of vaccine and/or a negative covid test within 72 hours of entry. This can be done anytime up through the date of the event by logging into SafeAccess.**

All attendees received their access email within the past week from [no-reply@live.safeaccess.app](mailto:no-reply@live.safeaccess.app) with the subject line “SafeAccess Invitation”. Please ensure you also check your SPAM/JUNK folders.

Upon completion, your upload will be reviewed and approved accordingly. You will be required to log back in or screenshot your green entry badge in order to check-in at the conference. **Any attendees who do not provide this verification will not be allowed entry into the event, per the New Orleans mandate.**

### **PCR TESTING FOR NON-VACCINATED ATTENDEES**

As an added courtesy for our non-vaccinated attendees, as the event and travel may extend beyond the 72-hour window, we are providing PCR COVID Testing onsite at the event (advanced appointment required).

Testing will take place on Monday, October 18th from 3-5pm with a 12–24-hour turnaround of test results. Please email [events@national8aassociation.org](mailto:events@national8aassociation.org) to reserve your onsite test appointment. Tests are available on a limited basis and an advanced appointment time is required.

Please note, this PCR test will not qualify you for attendance at the event on Monday, October 18th. You will be required to submit a negative PCR test in Safe Access prior to your arrival to the event on Monday in order to adhere to the City of New Orleans mandate. This onsite test will give you the opportunity to re-up the 72-hour window based on potential arrival and departure dates.