

VCPORA's Weekly Vieux - June 26, 2020

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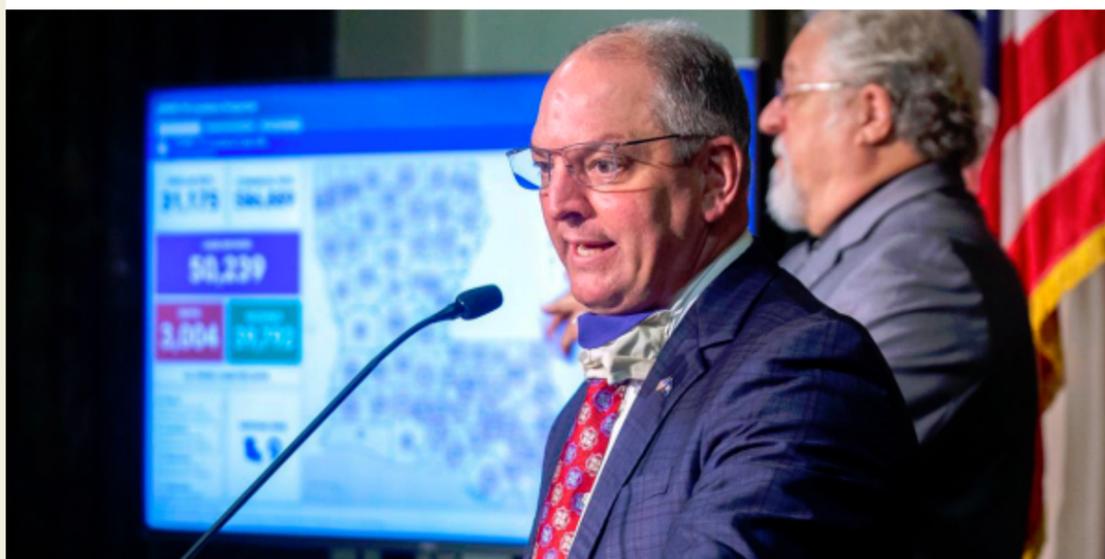


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Louisiana to Remain in Phase Two

Gov. John Bel Edwards announced this past Monday that Louisiana will remain in [Phase Two](#) of reopening until at least July 24, as the number of COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations have started to rise across the state. "Louisiana reached two sad milestones today [June 22, 2020] as we surpassed 3,000 deaths and 50,000 positive tests in our state. Each of these Louisianans is someone's child, sibling, parent or friend, and we mourn every one of these losses," Gov. Edwards said.

Concerns over a rise in new COVID-19 positive cases have prompted Mayor Cantrell's [announcement of a new task force](#), including the City's Department of Code Enforcement, state agencies, and NOPD, that will enforce safety guidelines in the city's restaurants and bars. Like the rest of the state, New Orleans will follow the phase two occupancy mandate of 25% capacity for bars and 50% for restaurants.

New Orleans residents should [wear face masks](#) whenever they are in public, practice social distancing, wash their hands frequently and avoid going out in public when they are experiencing any symptoms. The Louisiana Department of Health offers a [self-assessment tool](#) to determine your level of risk for becoming very ill from COVID-19. Free COVID-19 testing opportunities can also be found on [NOLAReady](#).



NOLA READY

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Emergency Alert System

Air Quality Alert - Orange

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has raised the New Orleans [Air Quality Index](#) to Orange today, June 26 as a result of the [Saharan Dust Plume](#). Increased ozone levels in the air could cause health effects for sensitive groups like children, the elderly, and people with respiratory diseases. Residents who venture outside today are advised to take more breaks and do less intense activities and to watch for symptoms such as coughing or shortness of breath.

Marigny/French Quarter Transportation Network Projects Teleconference

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6 PM

Please register at nola.gov/neoevents

Dial-in meeting number: 504-658-7001

Access code: 197 547 57

Transportation Network Teleconference

The Department of Public Works, Roadwork NOLA, and the Office of Transportation are collaborating on a network of [complete streets](#) with updates along portions of **Elysian Fields Avenue, N. Peters Street, Decatur Street, Franklin Avenue, and Royal Street**. These projects are in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin this summer. The scope of work includes road repairs, improvements to sidewalk curb ramps, bike lanes, shared lanes, intersection modifications, lane modifications including lane reductions, increased green space, crosswalks and bus stop improvements.

A community meeting will be held to provide an overview of the proposed design for these projects on **Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Interested individuals can dial-in to (504) 658-7001 and use the access code: 197 547 57. The meeting will also be accessible via Webex. Visit the [Neighborhood Engagement Office calendar](#) for more details and to sign up. Questions about the project can be submitted via email to allison.cormier@nola.gov and via text to (504) 470-0740.



Businesses Reopen

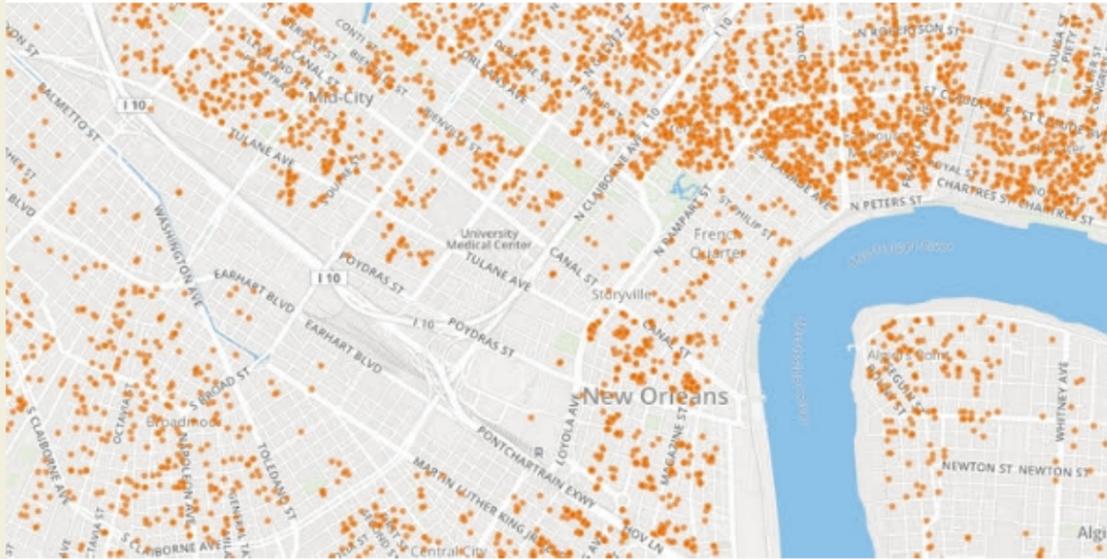
As New Orleans remains in Phase Two of Reopening, many businesses are reopening their doors for the first time in months. Below are a few of those businesses. Please support all of our local businesses as they bounce back. Follow the links to for more information:

The [New Orleans School of Cooking](#) opened their doors last week to celebrate their 40th anniversary with a 40% discount offer on all its scheduled [weekend classes](#) through the summer. The New Orleans School of Cooking began in the French Quarter as a one-room storefront and now occupies the three-story, 10,000 square foot 1830s building at [524 St. Louis Street](#) with three demonstration and hands-on classrooms, a retail store, a shipping department, and a courtyard.

[Bennanchin](#), a Gambian and Cameroonian restaurant located in the c. 1830s Creole townhouse at [1212 Royal](#), is open for takeout 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. each day.

[Flambeaux Tours](#) is a locally-owned and operated bicycle and walking tour company. It is housed in a c. 1840s 2 1/2 story Gothic Revival building on [626 N. Rampart Street](#). They are now available for tours with advanced booking.

[Queork](#), a specialty boutique that sells products made from cork fabric, is open for business out of their Creole townhouse location at 838 Chartres. Visit them 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m, seven days a week.



STR Licenses Extended

The City of New Orleans has announced that all short-term-rental licenses and permits set to expire June 21 through August 20, 2020 are extended for two additional months. STR permits with original expiration dates between March 20 and June 20, 2020 were previously extended for three months - these permits are also extended for two additional months from the extended expiration date.

As a reminder, virtually all STRs are illegal in the French Quarter, with the exception of parcels facing the 200-700 blocks of Bourbon Street. If you have any information about illegal STR operations, please contact the Department of Safety & Permits by phone at (504) 658-7144, by email at str@nola.gov, or online with using [this form](#).



Recycling Drop-off Resumes

Tomorrow, June 27, the City of New Orleans' Department of Sanitation will host a

paper shredding event, in conjunction with Iron Mountain, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City's Recycling Drop-Off Center, located at [2829 Elysian Fields Avenue](#). [Orleans Parish](#) residents can bring up to 50 lbs. of mixed office paper, light cardboard, and similar materials to be shredded. Iron Mountain does not accept plastic, compact discs, DVDs or other metal (excluding paper clips and staples). [Click here](#) for a full list of accepted materials at the Recycling Drop-Off Center. For more information on recycling services, please call 311 or visit the City's [recycling website](#).



#FQThenandNow

VCPORA and the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) continue our #FQThenAndNow series this week with a post on the 723 St. Ann. Head over to [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to check it out. This weekly series showcases historic pictures, current pictures, and fun facts about our favorite French Quarter locales. Follow #FQThenAndNow the [Vieux Carré Commission Foundation](#) so you don't miss any upcoming posts from this series.

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