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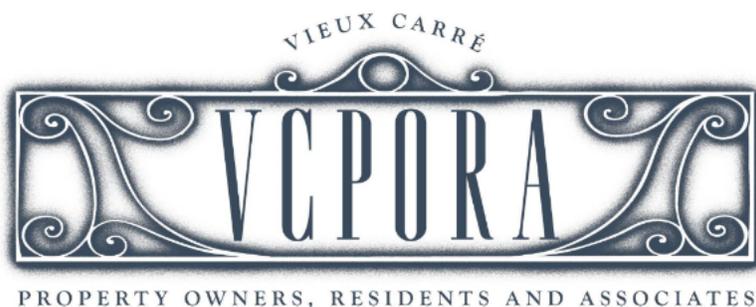
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**City of New Orleans**  
Mayor LaToya Cantrell

**VACCINE OR NEGATIVE PCR TEST REQUIRED**

**EFFECTIVE AUG. 16, 2021**

- Indoor dining & bars
- Indoor gyms & fitness classes
- Indoor entertainment & performance spaces
- Certain large outdoor events

Children under 12 excluded from vaccination and test requirements.

**City of New Orleans**  
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**PROOF OF VACCINE**

- LA Wallet App 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 WHO

**OR**

**NEGATIVE PCR TEST**

- Physical or electronic test results from a PCR COVID-19 test indicating negative results within the past 72 hours
- Antigen tests will not be accepted

## COVID Update & LA Wallet

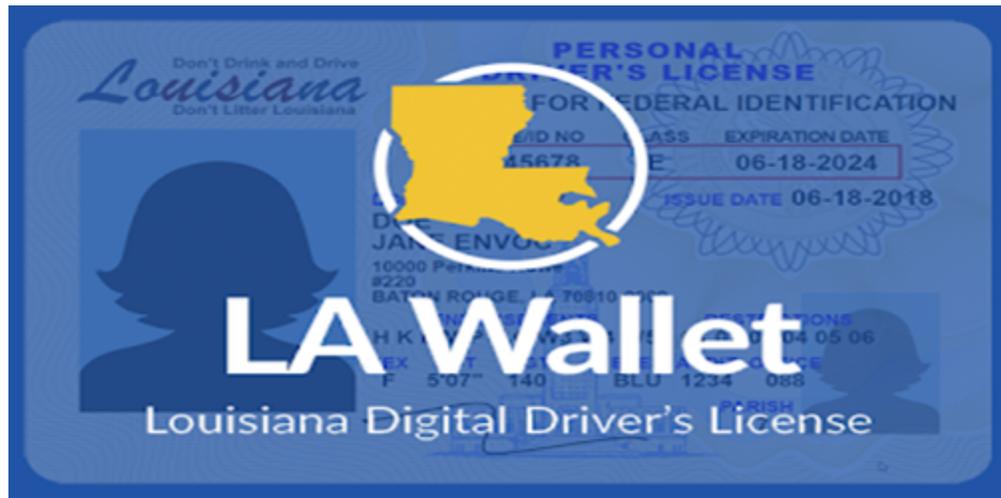
Effective Monday August 16, 2021, in addition to the mask mandate, [The City of New Orleans](#) will require all people ages 12 and up to provide proof of vaccination and/or a negative PCR test within 72 hours to participate in activities with a higher risk in COVID transmission. This includes indoor dining and bars, indoor gyms / fitness centers, indoor entertainment, and large outdoor gatherings. The [current rate in Orleans Parish](#) is around 318 new cases a day with a 12.2% positivity rate.

### How to prove your vaccination status:

- LA Wallet App
- Original, digital photograph, or photocopy of CDC vaccination cards (both sides)
- An official vaccine record issued by another state, foreign nation, or the World Health Organization

### Keep your vaccine card safe:

- Keep a photo of BOTH SIDES of your card on your smart phone and/or stored on another digital device.
- Store your original card in a safe place. We suggest using a photo or a photocopy of the card to prove your status rather than carrying your original card.
- If you have multiple people in your household, store all cards together.
- Don't forget to bring the cards with you if we have to evacuate due to a storm.



### How to use the LA Wallet App:

1. [Download and install the app](#) from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.
2. Create and activate your LA Wallet account using your email address.
3. Tap "Add License."
4. Fill in your license information or tap the camera icon to scan the barcode on the back of your license. Enter the audit number listed on the front of the license if prompted.
5. Open the COVID-19 or SMART Health Card tab.
6. Tap the "Retrieve SMART Health Card" button.
7. Your SMART Health Card should show your vaccination status.

As a reminder, in addition to various pharmacies across the parish, [vaccines and tests will continue to be offered Monday - Saturday](#) at the Mahalia Jackson Theater parking lot in Treme and at the Harold MacDonald Sr. Park on the Westbank. The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is providing [free shuttle service](#) to the Convention Center from Duncan Plaza, the West Bank RTA Park and Ride, and the New Orleans East Walmart.

To get a vaccine, register for an appointment by calling (504) 290-5200 or by going to [the LCMC website](#). Residents can also visit [the Louisiana Department of Health website](#) to see alternative vaccine locations. Appointments are required.



## Coffee With Kristin - How it Went!

Monday, August 9, 2021

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

[1030 Elysian Fields, LA 70117](#)

If you could not attend Monday's *Coffee with Kristin* at [Baldwin & Co. Bookstore](#), Councilmember Kristin G. Palmer engaged with citizens on an array of topics concerning District C including:

- Public safety and her part in resuming the French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) taxes as the governing authority to levy the taxes,
- Pushing the City to fill the necessary staffing shortages with the Short Term Rental office to ensure effective enforcement,
- The upcoming sanitation contract including prioritizing smaller waste collection vehicles,
- Working with communities to realize a viable renovation of the Municipal Auditorium, and
- Street repairs and infrastructure projects.

We will keep you updated of any future meetings with CM Palmer or visit her [Facebook](#) page for more information.



## Red Dress Run, French Quarter Fest, & Jazz Fest - CANCELED

Like many social events across the city and country, the annual Red Dress Run, French Quarter Fest, and Jazz and Heritage Fest have been canceled this year due to an increasing spread of the COVID Delta Variant and hospitalization rates.

In light of such a devastating blow to the New Orleans community, both French Quarter Fest and Jazz Fest have agreed to provide relief payments and the deposits promised to artists, musicians, and vendors whose livelihoods depend on festivals like these.

Read more about the cancellations [here](#).



## #FQThenAndNow

Is it getting hot in here or is it another episode of #FQThenAndNow with the [VCC Foundation](#)? Once a fire station and now an upscale residential building, today we're taking a look at the old "Engine No. 7" house at [929 Bienville Street](#).

While this series is still available on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), we have decided to include both posts in the Weekly View to make them more accessible to non-social media users! The "[Then](#)" [background information](#) has been graciously provided by the VCCF.

### **Then:**

This is [929 Bienville Street](#) in 1940. Engine House No. 7 was built on the site of a previous structure in 1907. Based on the Sanborn Maps of 1876 and 1896, the previous structure looks like it may have been a Porte-Cochere Townhouse. Historic newspaper research shows quite a lot of information about this structure. In 1872, this address was referred to as "929 Bienville Oil Works. Then in 1906 and 1907, the city published a slew of public notices from City Planning Commission and City Council meetings regarding the property bidding proceedings, the purchase of this property from J.A. Mercier, directive to the "City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications," the demolition of the original structure, and the erection of a "new modern brick engine house." A New Orleans Item article dated March 17, 1907 even goes so far as to announce that "By the end of this week the work of demolishing the old structure known as [929 Bienville Street](#) will begin."

The Historic New Orleans Collection's [Collins C. Diboll Vieux Carré Digital Survey](#) states that this structure was designed by local architect E.A Christy. Christy designed more than 50 public buildings (schools, fire stations, etc.) in New Orleans and was the school board's official architect from 1911 to 1940. During this relatively short time, Christy designed over 50 public schools alone! A number of Christy's buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places.

**And...****Now:**

After several City Planning Commission and City Council meetings, the current structure was erected in 1907 on the land that once housed the "929 Bienville Oil Works" according to a newspaper from 1872. Throughout its history, the Engine No. 7 house witnessed a variety of unruly and also incredibly helpful firemen. As such, the heroism of firemen did not stop at putting out fires - between 1947 and 1948 the firemen stationed at 929 Bienville refurbished old toys for a Christmas drive and even "played midwife" to a cat, helping her deliver three kittens in the midst of a storm.

In 1950, the building was referred to as the "old" Fire House No. 7 and listed as housing a sign maker. Later on, between the years of 1955 and 1958, newspapers described the building as a "signal and traffic shop" as well as the location of the traffic "brain" (the traffic master control panel). Once again in 1984, the building experienced a renovation and it was turned into office spaces for shipping companies. It wasn't until 2002 that it appears in city records as a residential space which reflects its current status. The building now features two single family condos.

Visit the [Vieux Carré Virtual Library](#) for more historic images.

Don't forget to follow [#FQThenAndNow](#) for more fun facts and pictures of beautiful buildings throughout the French Quarter!

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