COVID-19 Safety & Vaccine Policy:
YouthForce NOLA cares deeply about the health and wellbeing of our staff, participants, and the broader New Orleans community. We strongly encourage all youth participants to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and get booster shots when eligible, but we will not require vaccination for youth participating in the YouthForce Internship (YFI) Summer 2023 program.

Some of our employer partners may require vaccinations for internship placements at their companies. If an intern does not meet the pre-hire requirements for a specific placement, they will not be eligible for that internship. Being up to date on vaccinations will maximize student choice during the program.

Verifying Vaccine Status:
Students accepted to the Summer 2023 Internship program will be required to share information about COVID-19 vaccination status during enrollment via the “Intern Safety Form” in the FormStack portal.

Vaccinated interns also will be required to prove their vaccination status by uploading one of the following:
- CDC Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card
- LA Wallet Smart Health Card (on App) or its equivalent from other states
- A record of immunization from a healthcare provider or pharmacy
- A copy of medical records documenting the vaccinations
- A copy of immunization records from a public health, state, or tribal immunization information system
- A copy of any other official documentation that contains the type of vaccine administered, date(s) of administration, and the name of the healthcare professional or clinic site administering the vaccines.

The Intern Safety Form, including details about vaccinations and proof of vaccination are due by May 17, 2023.

If an intern receives an additional vaccine or booster after submitting the form, they should email an updated proof of vaccination to pellerin@youthforcenola.org.

To ensure proper protocols are followed, the intern’s vaccination status will be shared with their internship placement and their status may impact which internship placements they are eligible for.

Additional COVID-19 Policies:
All program participants must adhere to COVID-19 policies and procedures laid out by YouthForce NOLA and their internship placement company. This may include properly wearing a mask (over nose and mouth), self-administering a COVID-19 rapid test, following COVID-19 isolation protocols, etc.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

I’m already fully vaccinated and boosted. What do I need to do next?
Provide information and upload proof of vaccination to the “Intern Safety Form” on Formstack by May 17.

I have received the first two vaccines and plan to get a booster. What should I do?
Provide information about your initial vaccines and upload proof of vaccination to the “Intern Safety Form” on Formstack now. Once you get your booster, email an updated copy of your vaccination card or another proof of vaccination to pellerin@youthforcenola.org.

I only received the first dose of a 2-dose vaccine so far. What should I do?
Provide information about your first vaccine and upload proof of vaccination to the “Intern Safety Form Documents” form on Formstack now. Once you get your second vaccine, email an updated copy of your vaccination card or another proof of vaccination to pellerin@youthforcenola.org.

I am not vaccinated and do not plan to get vaccinated. Can I still participate?
You can still participate in the YFI program. However, you may need to follow additional COVID-19 safety protocols (i.e. mandatory masking) AND you will not be eligible for internship placements at companies that require employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

I lost my vaccine card. How do I get a new one?
To replace a lost or damaged CDC vaccination card, you need to contact the vaccine provider. They will have your records on file, and will be able to complete a new card for you. If you received your vaccination at a site that is no longer in operation, your local parish health unit or primary care physician will be able to access your records on Louisiana’s Immunization Information System, [LINKS](#).

Where can I get a vaccine/booster?
Click on the following links for information on how to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine or booster:

- Vaccination Station: [https://nolapublicschools.com/vaccinationS](https://nolapublicschools.com/vaccinationS)
- Louisiana Department of Health: [https://ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine-locations](https://ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine-locations)

Additional questions?
Please contact Shenyarai Pellerin, our Intern Supports Manager, at pellerin@youthforcenola.org.