



COVID Safety Protocols

Creating a healthy and safe environment for all participants, presenters, and staff of the 2022 Teacher Leader Summit is of utmost importance and concern to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). In order to reduce risk and limit exposure the following protocols will be implemented.

Prior to entering the Convention Center:

- Entry points have been reduced to one location for screening purposes:
 - the lobby doors at Hall G by the transportation hub
- All participants, presenters, and staff must provide one of the following in order to gain entry to the Teacher Leader Summit:
 - proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine
 - negative PCR/antigen test within 72 hours
 - Because the Summit spans over 2.5 days and test results can have a turnaround time of 24 hours, this option will require at minimum two tests be completed.

Testing locations in the New Orleans area, including drive thru locations, can be found [here](#).

Once Inside the Convention Center:

- An EMT will be onsite for the duration of the event should someone become ill or start exhibiting symptoms of COVID.

Steps the Convention Center is Taking to Ensure the Safety of Teacher Leader Summit Participants Creating a healthy and safe environment for all participants is of utmost importance and concern to LDOE and New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (NOENMCC). NOENMCC has been rated a Global Biohazard Advisory Council (GBAC) STAR Facility. This means NOENMCC has implemented a comprehensive system of cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention for their staff and their building. At present, it is the only outbreak prevention certification offered by the cleaning industry.

Following STAR protocol means that a facility has:

- Established and maintained a cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention program to minimize risks associated with infectious agents like the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
- The proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques, and work practices in place to combat biohazards and infectious disease.
- Highly informed cleaning professionals who are trained for outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response.

Visit the NOENMCC [website](#) for a detailed outline of the health and safety steps the NOENMCC has in place.

Please contact LDOEEvents@la.gov with any questions, comments, or concerns.