

# YFBW: COVID UPDATE

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## UPDATED COVID Policies

*Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the August 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 YFBW General Policies, this update to the vaccine requirement of the COVID Policies and Measures of YFBW (“YFBW COVID-19 Policies”) is being made to reflect the most recent regulatory changes by NY City and US Travel Policies. Please note that this language may be updated periodically to reflect the most recent regulatory changes by NY City and US Travel Policies as these issues continue to evolve. A complete copy of the YFBW COVID-19 Policies may be found in the August 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 YFBW General Policies.*

### **Current COVID Status (As of December 20, 2021)**

New Yorkers and visitors age 5 and older are required to show proof of vaccination to participate in indoor activities at New York City restaurants and bars, fitness gyms, and entertainment and recreational settings including movie theaters, music or concert venues, casinos, botanical gardens, commercial event and party venues, museums and galleries, aquariums, zoos, professional sports arenas and indoor stadiums, convention centers and exhibition halls, performing arts theaters, bowling alleys, arcades, indoor play areas, pool and billiard halls, and other recreational games. Proof of vaccination is also required for employees at these establishments.

In accordance with the foregoing NY City requirements, the YFBW COVID-19 Policies presently require (though this requirement is subject to change at any time to reflect applicable local or CDC COVID-19 Policies) all Onsite Participants to produce, for all Onsite Participants 5 years of age and older, valid, complete, and proper documentation demonstrating that the participant received two doses of a recognized COVID-19 vaccination (or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the onsite conference. Children under 5 years of age may enter establishments without displaying proof of vaccination so long as they wear a face mask, except when eating and drinking. Children aged 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.

If, prior to the date of the onsite conference, New York City or the State of New York propounds COVID-19-related rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, or best practices requiring any other or additional measures to be implemented, these YFBW COVID-19 Policies shall automatically update to reflect said rules.

Please note that international travel requirements are different (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies/covid-19-faqs-for-travel-to-the-us-information.html> ). Please note that vaccinated individuals will also require an antigen test for entry into the US as of November 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

*For further information and updates on relevant regulations, please reference:*  
<https://www.ny.gov/>

<https://www.nycgo.com/coronavirus-information-and-resources-for-travelers>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/index.page>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/counseltothemayor/downloads/Key-to-NYC-FAQ.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html#covid-vaccines>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/update-on-us-travel-policy-requiring-covid-19-vaccination.html#ExternalPopup>

## Annex 1: YFBW COVID MEASURES

### YFBW Measures Adapting to Possible COVID Status Changes in 2021/2022

Potential COVID Status Changes		YFBW COVID MEASURES
General Situation	Eventual Legal Restrictions on Large Scale Events	
Green	No legal limitations on large events, under 5000 ( <i>current status as of November 5th 2021</i> )	<p>Based upon the most recent legal requirements in NYC and CDC recommendations, YFBW is focused on implementing the following measures to help facilitate a safe environment for all.</p> <p><b><i>Verified Participant Environment</i></b>            An Auto-Certification form (see Annex 2: COVID Auto-Certification Form and Composite Declaration for Onsite Events) by schools and MMUN coordinators to be presented at Onsite Check-in regarding all onsite participants, which requires:</p> <p>For all Onsite Participants 5 years of age and older, valid, complete, and proper documentation demonstrating that the participant received two doses of a recognized COVID-19 vaccination (or one dose of the Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine) no less than two weeks prior to the date of the onsite conference.</p>

		<p>If, prior to the date of the onsite conference, New York City or the State of New York propounds COVID-19-related rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, or best practices requiring any other or additional measures to be implemented, these YFBW COVID-19 Policies shall automatically update to reflect said rules.</p> <p>Children under 5 years of age may enter establishments without displaying proof of vaccination so long as they wear a face mask, except when eating and drinking. Children aged 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.</p> <p>Teacher coordinators shall be responsible for gathering, collecting, compiling, and verifying (and producing at the Onsite Check-in, if requested by YFBW) all documentation required under this section, for all Onsite Participants associated or connected with the Registrant(s).</p> <p>Documentation in connection with proof of vaccination shall include, without limitation, the Onsite Participant’s name, type of proof of vaccination provided, date such proof was provided, and name of Certified Coordinator(s) who reviewed such proof.</p> <p><b>Onsite Measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obligatory face masks correctly worn indoors at all times</li> <li>• Respiratory etiquette</li> <li>• Hand sanitation stations throughout the venue and in every committee</li> <li>• Improved time slot and space management during registration (to avoid queuing wherever possible)</li> <li>• Routine cleaning and disinfecting of areas</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Staff Station Onsite</li> </ul> <p><b>United Nations</b></p> <p>At the current time, the United Nations headquarters are closed and unavailable for any events or visits. UN professionals are remotely working from other locations. If this changes, YFBW will be immediately requesting together with our supporting ambassadors the possibility of the Closing to be held at the headquarters. At this time, however, we are unable to confirm that this will be possible.</p> <p><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p> <p>If the UN is not available for the closing ceremony, YFBW will hold a divided UE vs. MS closing ceremony to reduce the number of participants in the one location.</p>
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<p>Yellow</p>	<p>Limitations on indoor assemblies of more than 500 persons</p>	<p>Youth for a Better World will manage the opening, closing ceremonies and evening events so as to reduce the number of people gathered together at one time.</p> <p>This will be a combination of virtual streaming of some large-scale events so that people can participate from different locations, while protecting the ability to have committee sessions onsite.</p> <p>The opening ceremony would be a hybrid event with both live and streaming content, held in the committee rooms to minimize the assembly size.</p> <p>The closing ceremony would be broken into up to 4 different closing ceremonies, in which each participant would be assigned a single closing ceremony slot - which could vary starting times from 7:00am through 1:30PM. In this case, participants would need to ensure appropriate departure times from NYC to avoid any conflict with the last slot of the closing ceremony which would finish by 2:30 PM.</p>
<p>Red</p>	<p>Impossibility of holding indoor assemblies, required social distancing together with other measures, and/or travel restrictions</p>	<p>In the case of an inability to deliver an onsite conference due to force majeure (e.g. COVID restrictions on large scale gatherings or travel restrictions), YFBW would convert to a virtual conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants would be automatically enrolled in the ad hoc online conference</li> <li>• The online conference would be held over the same period from Wednesday to Sunday based upon 3.5 hour Zoom sessions:</li> <li>• Wednesday: Orientation, Opening Ceremony, and Committee Session (3.5 hours)</li> <li>• Thursday: Committee Session (3.5 hours) + Cultural Party (60 minutes)</li> <li>• Friday: Committee Session (3.5 hours) + Fellow Student Ambassador Speed Meet-ups (60 minutes)</li> <li>• Saturday: Committee Session (3.5 hours)</li> <li>• Sunday: Closing Ceremony + Celebration Festival (90 minutes)</li> <li>• Equivalent compensation given for the difference between the paid registration of the participants for the YLP plus Onsite Conference vs. the YLP plus Online Conference fees with:</li> <li>• 100% of the difference paid will be issued if the cancellation occurs before the 31st of December 2021.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 80% of the difference paid will be issued if the cancellation occurs after the 31st of December 2021 (this is due to the unrecoverable costs which are incurred and committed to as the conference dates become closer).</li><li>• No other refunds are allowed. If Participants choose not to participate in the ad hoc online conference, they will not be entitled to any refund.</li></ul>
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Please note:

- These requirements strive to comply with current state and federal legislation and guidelines on public safety for large events, however, the guidelines are subject to change at any time to reflect applicable local or CDC COVID-19 Policies and Youth for a Better World Policy Updates.
- Youth for a Better World recommends participants obtain relevant travel medical insurance policies which apply for any COVID related issues. These policies can cover those costs related to trip cancellation as well as medical costs locally. Some policies will also cover the original conference package fees.

## Annex 2: COVID Auto-Certification Form and Composite Declaration for Onsite Events

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### **Auto-Certification Form and Composite Declaration**

In accordance with the Youth for a Better World 2021-2022 Policies (“the YFBW Policies”), \_\_\_\_\_ -  
(insert name of Registrant here) (“Registrant”/School) hereby certifies, represents, and warrants that Registrant has, by and through its MMUN or YIF coordinator(s) (“Certified Coordinators”), gathered, collected, and compiled (and has or will produce at the Onsite Check-in, if requested by YFBW) and will maintain the following documentation for each delegate, student, chaperone, teacher coordinator, observer, guardian of a minor, and attendee that is associated, affiliated, or otherwise connected with the Registrant and is attending the YFBW onsite conference or event for, under, or in connection with the Registrant (collectively, “Onsite Participants”): for all Onsite Participants 5 years of age and older, valid, complete, and proper documentation demonstrating that the participant received two doses of a recognized COVID-19 vaccination (or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the onsite conference (collectively, “the Documentation”).

Children under 5 years of age may enter establishments without displaying proof of vaccination so long as they wear a face mask, except when eating and drinking. Children aged 2 and under are not required to wear a mask.

If, prior to the date of the onsite conference, New York City or the State of New York propounds COVID-19-related rules, regulations, guidelines, policies, or best practices requiring any other or additional measures to be implemented, the YFBW COVID-19 Policies shall automatically update to reflect said rules.

Documentation in connection with proof of vaccination shall include, without limitation, the Onsite Participant’s name, type of proof of vaccination provided, date such proof was provided, and name of Certified Coordinator(s) who reviewed such proof.

Registrant further certifies, represents, and warrants that the Documentation is in English or in an accurate and verified English translation, that Registrant has taken reasonable measures to verify the validity and authenticity of the Documentation and representations contained therein, including the Documentation’s full compliance with the terms and time frames provided in this paragraph, and that all such Documentation is valid, authentic, complete, and proper. Registrant acknowledges and agrees that it is solely responsible for the protection, preservation, and safekeeping of the Documentation and that it shall retain the Documentation in accordance with all applicable document retention policies imposed by state and federal law and by Registrant’s internal document retention policies.

Registrant agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless YFBW and its officers, directors, managers, members, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates from and against all Claims, including necessary expenses of investigation and reasonable attorneys’ fees, arising out of, involving, or in connection with, any invalid, fraudulent, inauthentic, incomplete, improper, or untimely Documentation not identified as such by Registrant, including, without limitation, by Registrant’s Teacher Coordinator(s) and authorized agents or representatives, and any and all damages arising from or connected to the same.

The undersigned signatory hereto warrants and represents that he or she is competent and authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Registrant and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless YFBW and its officers, directors, managers, members, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates against each claim, suit, or demand, including necessary expenses of investigation and reasonable attorneys’ fees, in which it may be asserted that he or she was not competent and/or so authorized to execute this auto-certification form and composite declaration.

On Behalf of Participants:

Last Name	First Name	Conference Role	Compliance with COVID Policy	Method Of Compliance	Date of Compliance

Registrant School (Print School Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 By (Print First and Last Name Certified Coordinator): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_