



Youth for a Better World Planning for COVID

Current NYC Status as of 23 July 2021

<https://business.nycgo.com/coronavirus-information-and-resources/>

As of June 15, Governor Andrew Cuomo has removed most coronavirus restrictions in New York State. The government no longer requires businesses to maintain social distancing or masking and cleaning protocols; businesses are free to continue implementing these measures on an individual basis if they choose. In addition, businesses no longer need to gather patrons' contact-tracing information.

Restrictions remain in effect for large-scale indoor event venues (more than 5,000 attendees). Proof of vaccination can be used to eliminate social distancing and mask requirements. Unvaccinated or unknown vaccination status individuals who are over the age of four must continue to present proof of a recent negative diagnostic Covid-19 test result and wear masks within the venue. But social distancing can be reduced or eliminated between tested attendees, allowing venues to reach 100 percent capacity in all sections. For more information, visit [nycgo.com](https://business.nycgo.com/coronavirus-information-and-resources/).

Health and safety protocols, like masking and social distancing, will remain in place in certain settings, including public transit and schools.

The State will continue to follow CDC guidelines for unvaccinated individuals, meaning that those who haven't yet received their vaccines should continue to wear masks indoors and maintain social distance.

In New York City, the subway has returned to 24-hour service. Riders must continue to wear masks. For more information, visit [mta.info](https://www.mta.info).

Proof of full vaccination status can be provided by attendees through paper form, digital application or the State's Excelsior Pass. For more information, visit [ny.gov](https://www.ny.gov).

Additionally, Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an Executive Order eliminating the 5.875% hotel room occupancy tax rate for a three-month period, from June 1 through August 31, 2021 (other City and State taxes still apply).

NYC Travel Restrictions

Quarantine periods for domestic and international travelers entering the state are no longer required (though it remains recommended for those not fully vaccinated). Travelers from out of state—except for those coming from New York's contiguous states, which are New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont—must fill out a traveler health form, as do travelers coming from another country.

We are closely monitoring reopening plans for Broadway. We will share guidelines as soon as they become available.



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

Potential COVID Status Changes		YFBW COVID MEASURES
General Situation	Legal requirements and CDC Recommendations	
G R E E N	<p>No legal limitations on large events under 5000 (current status as of 23 July 2021)</p>	<p>Based upon the most recent legal requirements and CDC recommendations, YFBW is focused on implementing the following measures to help facilitate a safe environment for all.</p> <p>Verified Participant Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Auto-Certification form (download form) by schools and teacher coordinators to be presented at Onsite Check-in regarding all onsite participants, which requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) valid, complete, and proper documentation demonstrating that the participant received all doses of a recognized COVID-19 vaccination no less than two (2) weeks prior to the date of the onsite conference, or • (ii) valid, complete, and proper documentation demonstrating that the participant received a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 72 hours prior to the beginning of the YFBW event, or • (iii) proof of recovery from COVID-19 illness with a positive antibody test administered no more than 2 months prior to the date of the onsite conference. • 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>Onsite Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligatory face masks correctly worn indoors at all times • Respiratory etiquette • Hand sanitation stations throughout the venue and in every committee • Improved time slot and space management during registration (to avoid queuing wherever possible) • Routine cleaning and disinfecting of areas • Emergency Medical Staff Station Onsite <p>United Nations</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>Closing Ceremony</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>

<p>Y E L L O W</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>R E D</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"> • Participants would be automatically enrolled in the ad hoc online conference • The online conference would be held over the same period from Wednesday to Sunday based upon 3,5 hour Zoom sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday: Orientation, Opening Ceremony, and Committee Session (3.5 hours) • Thursday: Committee Session (3.5 hours) + Cultural Party (60 minutes) • Friday: Committee Session (3.5 hours) + Fellow Student Ambassador Speed Meet-ups (60 minutes) • Saturday: Committee Session (3.5 hours) • Sunday: Closing Ceremony + Celebration Festival (90 minutes) • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the difference paid will be issued if the cancellation occurs before the 31st of December 2021. • 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). • 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.

Please note:

- These requirements 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.
- All details on the full YFBW policies regarding COVID (pages 17-19) and onsite events can be found [here](#).
- 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.
- YFBW endeavors to provide appropriate health and safety conditions for onsite participants at all events. Nonetheless, all onsite participants, hereby waive and release, in advance, any claims, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, or causes of action, whether known or unknown, now existing or hereafter arising, against YFBW or its directors, officers, members, managers, affiliates, employees, or agents, which might accrue to a minor child or adult for personal injury or death, and property damage resulting from participation in, or attendance at, any on-site conference, event, program, course, or activity.