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# CORONAVIRUS

Dear NOMC & AF Community:

We write today with updates on the coronavirus and its potential impact on our patients, team, and supporters.

As many are aware, our patient population primarily consists of gigging musicians and performers - an already at-risk population especially affected by the situation this pandemic presents. **When (in the name of public safety) the show can no longer go on, performers' livelihoods and financial sustainability suffer greatly.** The NOMC encourages you to keep in mind the importance of supporting our unique culture, thriving music scene and performing artists.

We would like to tell you how grateful we are for our community. Despite the stress and uncertainty we face, people are coming together in solidarity. Your understanding, flexibility and goodwill are deeply appreciated.

We look to [Singapore](#) for the best practices of public safety and to our city's resilience in the wake of the catastrophic flooding in 2005. Safety and service to our community remains our top priority.

The Musicians' Clinic relies on fundraisers and donations to sustain the medical care provided to our patients. Two of those current efforts include [recruiting charity racers for the Allstate SugarBowl Crescent City Classic](#) and a [raffle for two WWOZ Brass Passes](#) to the [New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival](#). We are also the main beneficiary of the [Jamie Galloway Memorial Crawfish Boil](#), which, at the time of writing, is in the process of being rescheduled. These development initiatives were projected to raise over \$75,000 in much-needed funding by mid April.

We will be monitoring the status of these events and remain supportive of local and national health and event leaders in this very important and demanding time.

[read: [Coronavirus US: How Cancelled Events and Self-Quarantines save lives, in one chart](#)].

Our patients will continue to be served by the dedicated medical professionals at the LSU Healthcare Network (and our ancillary providers) and we will communicate any changes directly to our patients as soon as possible. In the meantime, our team invites you to be mindful of your physical health, mental health, and financial planning during this pandemic. Please practice safety by following the [CDC guidelines](#). Stay well!

Sincerely,

*The New Orleans Musicians' Clinic & Assistance Foundation Staff*

*If you have symptoms including a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your primary care provider. **Do not go to the doctor without calling first**. If you do not have a primary care provider, call the Louisiana Department of Health hotline at 1-855-523-2652. If you are severely ill and you think you need hospitalization, **call 9-1-1 or call ahead before you go to an emergency room.***

**More information is available at [ready.nola.gov](http://ready.nola.gov). Residents and visitors are also encouraged to text **COVIDNOLA** to 888777 for updates.**

### Suggested Prevention Strategies:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 70 % alcohol, if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick. (6 foot distance or more)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces often
- Stay hydrated

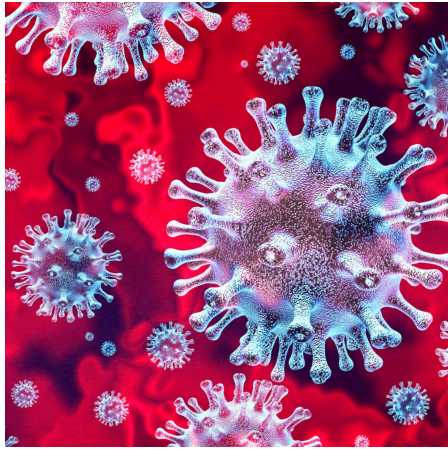
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