# City of New Orleans issues restrictions ahead of Mardi Gras

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**Additional COVID Restrictions in Place**
Friday, Feb. 12 - Tuesday, Feb. 16

COVID-19 SAFE MARDI GRAS

- ❌ Bars closed indoor & outdoor citywide
- ❌ No sales of to-go drinks
- ❌ No sales of packaged liquor in the French Quarter
- ❌ No pedestrians or vehicles on Bourbon, Frenchmen & Decatur 7pm-3am
  *Except residents, employees, hotel guests & restaurant/retail goers
- ❌ No pedestrians on Claiborne under the bridge

City of New Orleans

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Beginning next Friday, Feb. 12, through Mardi Gras Day, Feb. 16, the following restrictions will be in effect:

- All bars citywide, both indoor and outdoor, will be closed, including bars that serve food and are operating as restaurants
- There will be no package liquor sales in the French Quarter
- All sales of to-go drinks will be banned
- Bourbon Street, Decatur Street and Frenchmen Street will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.
- Restaurants and retail stores can remain open and residents and visitors will have access
- There will be no loitering on Bourbon Street
- The Claiborne Avenue underpass and corridor will also be fenced off
- Large gatherings are banned and will not be tolerated — including activities that encourage people to congregate, like street vending and performing

On Jan. 28, President Michael Fitts announced that the university community would observe [Safer-at-Home guidelines](#) for a two-week period.

Tulane University students will have class on Monday, Feb. 15, but Tuesday, Feb. 16, is a university holiday.

For a full list of guidelines and restrictions that apply under the Modified Phase 2, please [click here](#).