

USS Beale Reunion 2022 – COVID considerations – Bulletin No. 9

We are all concerned with the effects of the COVID virus and its latest Omicron variant. The authorities and the media have given us their varied opinions and recommendations. What should we do?

The Board of Directors has agreed to move forward with the 2022 Reunion to be held March 27-31, 2022 in New Orleans.

The *City of New Orleans* has relaxed its masking requirements. However, it has instituted a strict Proof of Vaccination Policy. You will need “proof” to enter the Higgins Hotel, WW2 Museum and virtually all business establishments. Lacking proof, you will be denied entry. You must be fully vaccinated with a booster and have your CDC Proof of Vaccination Card with you. There are a few exceptions. For more information on New Orleans requirements and information, please click on the following “[hyper-links](#)”

[COVID Restrictions - NOLA Ready](#)

[With omicron in New Orleans, flu outbreaks reported, officials urge residents to get vaccinated | WWNO](#)

[Omicron makes up 90% of Louisiana COVID cases, fueling infections and hospitalizations | Coronavirus | nola.com](#)

[As Omicron Surges, NOLA Restaurants Are Closing Temporarily - Eater New Orleans](#)

The *Higgins Hotel* is in compliance with NOLA's vaccination policy and has taken significant measures to protect its guests and to keep its property open and safe for future business. Additional detail can be found at the hyper-link [Hilton CleanStay](#).

The *WW2 Museum* is also in full compliance. Additional detail can be found at the link below. [Know Before You Go | The National WWII Museum | New Orleans \(nationalww2museum.org\)](#)

The Board will be monitoring the COVID pandemic as it progresses. With up-to-date information in hand, we will decide to proceed or postpone/cancel the reunion as we have for the 2020 and 2021 reunions. Also, as in the past, please send in your REGISTRATION forms and checks. Should we cancel or postpone the reunion, your payment will be refunded.

We are looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

For the USS Beale Association Board of Directors,

Paul Barry