

As we move closer to YinzCon N’at, the persistence of COVID-19 policies remains a critical aspect of our planning. Despite the development and deployment of vaccines, widespread testing, and increased understanding of the virus, the necessity of these policies stems from several intertwined factors. The evolving nature of COVID-19 variants continues to pose public health challenges, influencing the need for ongoing preventive measures. Moreover, the impact on vulnerable populations and healthcare systems underscores the importance of maintaining vigilance through policies that balance public health concerns with statistical analysis of cases. Therefore, while progress has been made, maintaining COVID-19 policies remains crucial to navigating the complexities of a post-pandemic world. However, we are also aware of the disparities in the availability of affordable tests. In the hope of balancing the accessibility of those with health concerns, those unable to afford tests, and those who have become used to the current COVID-19 atmosphere, the YinzCon N’at Planning Group has created a policy. The levels will be based on cases in July in the Western Pennsylvania area and we will be transparent and communicative as those numbers come in.

Things to note - The JCCP has paid for extra ventilation for the Saturday Shows Venue. We have also clarified the table below. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Stages	Range Based on New Cases	Suggested	Required
1	Below 1,000	Wear a mask	
2	1,000 - 1,500	- Report Covid Test results Monday after Con - Wear a Mask	- Report Negative COVID test before Check-in - Report a Negative COVID test before participating in activities on Saturday morning
3	1,500 - 2,000	- Wear a Mask within all of the Wyndham Hotel, busses, and the Saturday Shows Venue	- Report Negative COVID test before Check-in - Report a Negative COVID test before participating in activities on Saturday morning - All Able to wear a Mask when not on stage in Con Specific places - Commonwealth Room, Bridges Room, Buses, Saturday Shows Venue
4	2,000 – 2,500		- Report Negative COVID test before Check-in

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Report a Negative COVID test before participating in activities on Saturday morning</li><li>- Mask required when not on stage in all of the Wyndham Hotel, busses, and Saturday Shows Venue</li></ul>
5	2,500+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Will be considering canceling the Convention</li></ul>