

RES 2021

RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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Subject: **Health and Safety at RES – What You Need to Know**

Friends:

I am looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas next week. The 2021 Reservation Economic Summit promises to be one of our best yet – and one of the first opportunities for many of you to see friends and colleagues in person in quite some time. As a reminder, if you have any questions or need additional information, please visit res.ncaied.org.

As you may recall, RES 2020 ended just before many of the COVID-19 related shutdowns began. The virus was on our minds, but few could have predicted just how bad it would turn out to be. For a time, we were not sure we could host an in-person RES in 2021. We ultimately made the tough decision to move RES 2021 from March to July, with the hope that more people would be vaccinated, COVID-19 cases would be down and life would be in the process of returning to normal.

Six months after that decision, I am very glad we moved RES to July. I am incredibly proud of the work that Indian Country has done to get our community vaccinated and respond swiftly and smartly to such an unprecedented event. It's because of you that we are able to host RES at something close to normal.

I wanted to take a couple of minutes to let you know about some of the safety protocols we are implementing at RES 2021. While we are doing everything we can to ensure your safety, we can't do it alone. This is a team effort - we are asking everyone to do their part.

Here are a few things to be aware of while at RES:

- If you are not yet fully vaccinated – 2 weeks after your final shot – you need to wear a mask while you are at RES.
- If you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. We encourage you to wear them when you are in proximity to others.
- We will have plenty of hand sanitizer available for your use and the Paris and Bally's staff will be conducting regular and thorough cleanings.
- If you have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay in your hotel room and avoid contact with other people.

Now, let's have a fantastic RES 2021. See you on Monday!



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