



## **Mississippi Book Festival COVID-19 Event Guidance**

*As of July 19, 2021*

The current guidance from the Mississippi Department of Health urges people who are not vaccinated to wear masks when in public gatherings. To the extent that local conditions change, the Book Festival will update this guidance.

For the official panels that will take place in venues that are indoors, festival staff will provide seating accommodations that create social distancing among the participants and the audience members, will have masks and hand sanitizing stations available, and will monitor the occupancy of each room to ensure compliance with Department of Health guidance.

For the tent areas on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex, people who are not vaccinated are encouraged to wear masks when inside the large tents for Author's Alley, book purchases, and book signings. Masks and hand sanitizing stations will be available for each of the tents, and the book festival staff will monitor the crowds in the large tents to ensure adequate social distancing.