For many, New Orleans is synonymous with Mardi Gras. It's a time when a beaucoup number of revelers from all over the world visit our city to celebrate Carnival with us. In fact, many Loyola resident students will host their out-of-town friends. Because of the uniqueness of Mardi Gras, there are several special policies instituted in the residence halls that you will need to know as you're making plans.

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Mardi Gras Holiday Break: Monday, February 24 -- Friday, February 28
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There are no classes during the Mardi Gras Holiday. However, the residence halls will be open and Resident Assistants (RA's) will be on 24-hour duty starting at noon on Friday, February 21st. Loyola's Residential Life professional staff will also be on call 24-hours.

MARDI GRAS BUILDING SECURITY

For your protection, as well as for the protection of University property, all front desks in residence halls will be open 24 hours for the duration of Mardi Gras holiday break. Desk staff will check identification cards of everyone entering residence halls. Please make sure you have a Loyola ID with a current building sticker and a semester validation sticker!

Building stickers can be retrieved from your Community Director. The semester validation sticker can be retrieved from Parking Services located on the first floor of Biever Hall across from LUPD.
**Guest Policies**

**RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS WILL NOTICE CHANGES TO PROTOCOL CONCERNING ENTRANCE TO RESIDENCE HALLS AND GUESTS/VISITATION DURING THE MARDI GRAS WEEKEND & HOLIDAY.**

"Regular" visitation is suspended for ALL residents in ALL residence halls. Visitation hours during Mardi Gras weekend for ALL guests of any gender are 10:00 AM to midnight. Every guest must be individually checked in to the residence hall by a host and will be required to leave an ID with the front desk. All guests who are not registered to stay overnight must check out of the residence hall by midnight.

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS TAKES THE SAFETY OF ITS RESIDENTS AND THE SECURITY OF ITS RESIDENCE HALLS VERY SERIOUSLY.**

**OVERNIGHT GUEST REGISTRATION**

All overnight guests must be same-gender; no opposite-gender registrations will be accepted. Overnight guests must be pre-registered to stay on campus during Mardi Gras weekend. Registration is currently open. Host students must complete a Guest Registration Application, which can be found on their Residence account.

**EARLY GUEST REGISTRATION** costs $150 and must be completed by 4:00 PM CST on Thursday, February 20. The student must submit the completed Guest Registration Application and registration fee (cash, check, or credit) to the Residential Life Office located on the first floor of Biever Hall or using the Residential Life Online Marketplace (link in Mardi Gras email).

**LATE GUEST REGISTRATION** begins at 4:00 PM CST on Thursday, February 20, and continues until noon on Monday, February 24th (also known as Lundi Gras). The fee for Late Guest Registration is $300. If a student wishes to submit a Late Guest Registration while the Residential Life office is closed, they must visit the Front Desk. The Front Desk will contact the CD on Duty who will collect the registration form and fee, and will notify each desk to add the student to their Guest List. Payment must be submitted through the Residential Life Online Marketplace, as it is a holiday weekend and the Residential Life office will not be open.

Absolutely NO guests may be registered after noon on Monday, February 24.
Building Access

A NOTE ON GUESTS:

1. You are responsible for the behavior of your guests. If they cause any damage, you will be billed for that amount.

2. If any guest, non-overnight or overnight, non-registered or registered, is found breaking any University policy (drugs, alcohol, visitation, etc.) they will be banned from campus for the remainder of the Mardi Gras season and perhaps the rest of the semester. They will be escorted from campus and not allowed to return, under penalty of arrest for trespassing. In addition, it is possible that disciplinary charges will be brought against you for the behavior of your guest.

3. Parking is available for guests of Loyola students in the Freret Parking Garage. To purchase a week long guest pass, your guest can purchase a pass here: https://ctitt-loyno.cticloudhost.com/

YOU CAN ACCESS THE GUEST REGISTRATION FORM THROUGH LOYOLA’S RESIDENCE SYSTEM.

All guests will be issued a temporary guest ID card the first time they check into their building. This will permit them into the lobby of their registered residence hall. In order to enter any residence hall, a registered guest must show their Loyola issued ID card and personal identification. All resident students, in order to gain residence hall access, must show their Loyola ID, complete with building sticker and current validation sticker.

REGISTERED GUESTS may enter and exit the residence hall without their host, but will not be keyed into any residence hall room, lounge, bathroom, and/or kitchen.

4. Each registered guest will be issued a special, temporary ID card. All registered guests must hand in their registration card and a picture ID to the desk when entering the building. A registered guest does not need to be escorted while in the building, but under no circumstances will a Residential Life staff member use the master key to open any locked door for a guest.

NEED TO REPORT SOMETHING TO THE CHIEF STUDENT CONDUCT OFFICER?

Report suspicious behavior, a Title IX incident, or a student conduct violation at this link: http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/student-conduct-report-forms.

You may also report any concerning behavior to the Behavioral Intervention Team using the same link!
SAFETY TIPS AND HELPFUL HINTS

Always travel in large groups (5 or more). Wandering alone or in small groups can be very dangerous and increases your chance of being mugged.

Be careful and leave purses and bulky wallets at home. There are many pickpockets that love the big crowds of this season. Carry small bills and very little cash. Keep a list of your credit card numbers at home in case your wallet goes missing.

Be careful near floats! Do not run in front of a float. Every year at least one person is seriously injured or killed because they got too close to a float. Remember, they are very large, heavy, and can start moving at any time. If you fall under a float, it cannot stop and you could be injured.

Do not argue with the police. Comply with the requests of the officers during the Carnival season. They are out there for your safety and need your help. Remember, they are working long hours during Mardi Gras and do not have the time or patience to argue with you. Be friendly and respectful to the officers.

Do not bring glass containers to the parades. It is prohibited and can hurt others if dropped.

Do not expose yourself or participate in lewd behavior. Exposing yourself can get you arrested. Many video and internet companies come to Mardi Gras seeking out college students who choose to expose themselves in public. Remember, if you expose yourself publicly, these companies can use any pictures or videos of the event without your consent. Every year college students find that their mistake winds up on the internet or on a video. Protect yourself.

Do not hang out in places that you are not welcome (such as someone’s lawn). Do not block driveways with your body or with cars. You could get arrested, ticketed, or towed. Please keep in mind that a person’s yard is not your personal toilet. This is a sure trip to jail.

Do not throw anything at floats or riders and don’t argue with the folks who toss things from floats. Arguing with the riders is a way to ensure that you do not get any throws and can get you arrested (if it gets out of hand). Remember that the riders have the throws and can choose whether or not to give them to you.

Please keep in mind that we cannot bail you out of jail during Mardi Gras. During the last five days of Mardi Gras, thousands of people get arrested and the system gets backed up. Most people who are arrested spend anywhere from 2 to 5 days in jail before they can be bailed out.

Stay behind the barricades! It is easy to get your clothes caught on a float or to fall off the barricades while trying to catch some beads.

Stay on the well-traveled, well-lit paths. Stay in places that have plenty of lighting and lots of people. Traveling down alleyways or small, dark streets can be dangerous. Stay on the sidewalks of the main streets where you can see people who are approaching you and where there are lots of people and police.

Watch your beverage. You should do this at all times, but it is even more important during Carnival. Do not accept a drink from anyone you do not know well.

Always watch the bartender or person while they make your drink. Unfortunately, many people try to take advantage of the fun during this season and place drugs or alcohol into an unsuspecting person’s drink.

MARDI GRAS PLANNING
Plan ahead! Check the weather for each day and realize that it may change. Wear comfortable clothing and a good pair of walking shoes. In addition, a camping chair can come in handy when you are on the parade route for hours on end. It can be very hard to get a taxi or ride share during Carnival.

Carry a list of emergency numbers of people you can call. In addition, you should have your health insurance information and an ID. Carry your driver’s license and Loyola ID card at all times.

Bring dollar bills for the bathroom. You may be on the parade route for several hours and most bars will only let you in to use the bathroom if you are a customer. Along the route there are many port-o-potties that you can use (sometimes for a price).
NON-OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Non-overnight guests are allowed in the residence halls between 10 AM and midnight only from Feb. 21-26, 2020. A non-overnight guest is a person who may visit you during the Mardi Gras holiday, but is not a registered overnight guest. These guests must follow standard visitation procedures during visitation hours.

Non-overnight guests of any gender must be met at the front desk by the host resident, check in with the front desk staff, and escorted up to the room. Non-overnight guests of any gender must be escorted at all times.

Non-overnight guests of any gender must leave the residence hall when visitation is over at midnight. The above policies will be applied to ALL resident students, including undergraduate, graduate, and law students.

Both the host and the non-overnight guests of any gender must sign-in and leave valid IDs at the front desk.

BAIL AND THE POLICE

While Mardi Gras can be a fun time for all, don't do anything that you may regret later. Due to the increased number of people visiting the city during this festive time, the city police staff will be doubled! So monitor your behavior and do not do anything silly, or risky. If you are confronted by a Police Officer regarding your behavior, immediately stop and apologize to the officer. Do not aggravate NOPD because it may land you in jail.

During Mardi Gras, the University cannot bail you out, nor can anyone else, until at least Wednesday after Mardi Gras. During the last week of Mardi Gras, several thousand people are arrested everyday. Because of this, the jails overfill and the booking process is delayed. Someone who is arrested may stay in jail three to five days before they can be identified and released.

LUPD INFORMATION

Call 504-865-3434 if you are on campus and have an emergency. Loyola University Police Department (LUPD) is available 24/7.
General Info

PACKAGE ROOM HOURS:
Friday, February 21: 9AM-6PM
Saturday, February 22: 12PM-4PM
February 27 & 28: 12PM-5PM

VISITATION HOURS ALL BUILDINGS:
February 21-26: 10AM-12AM
February 26: Regular hours start at 1PM

RES LIFE INFO:
6363 St. Charles Ave., Box 126
New Orleans, LA 70118
Phone: 504-865-2445
Email: reslife@loyno.edu
www.loyno.edu/reslife

DINING HOURS:
http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/sites/studentaffairs.loyno.edu/files/Mardi%20Gras%20HOURS%20of%20Operation%20(1).pdf

PARADE SCHEDULE:
https://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/parades/