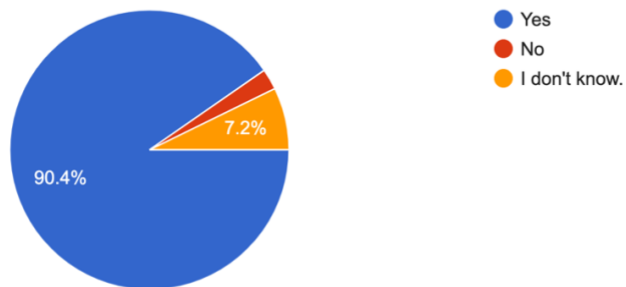


2021 Lotus Festival Survey Results

166 Total responses (excluding duplicate forms)

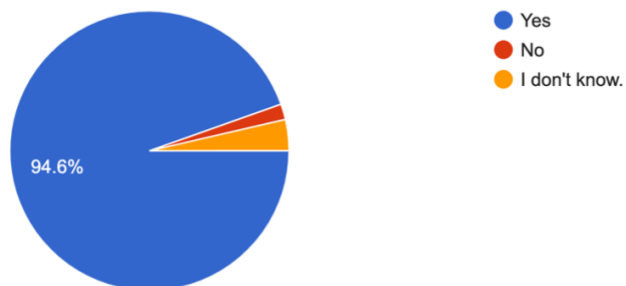
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166 responses



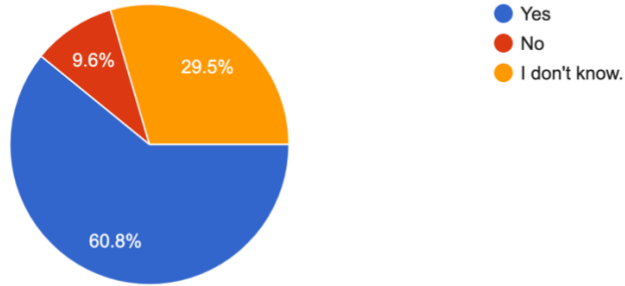
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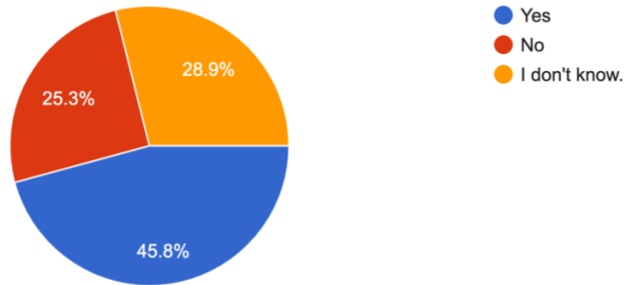
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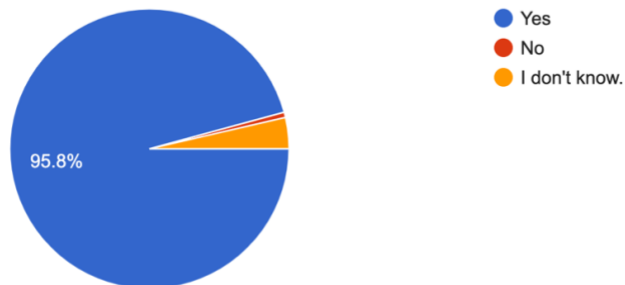
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166 responses



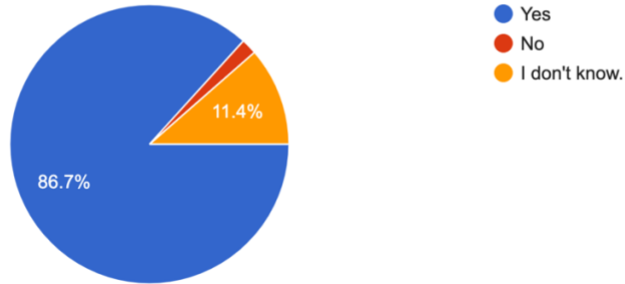
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166 responses



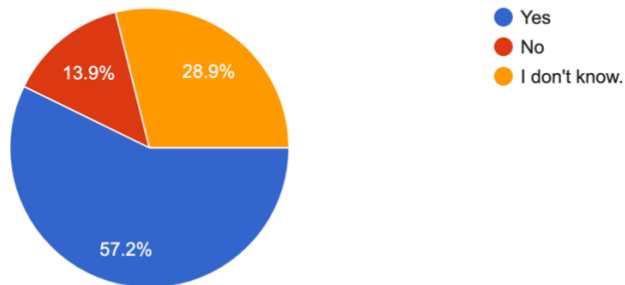
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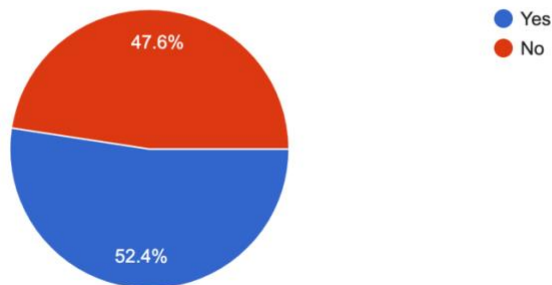
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166 responses



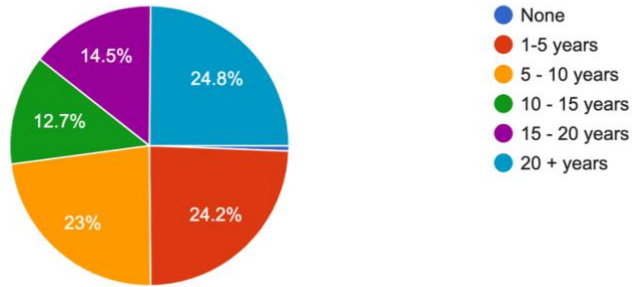
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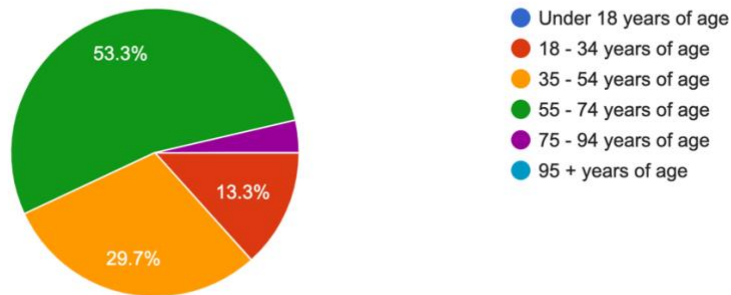
11. How many years have you attended the Lotus Festival?

165 responses



13. What is your age?

165 responses



Full responses to questions 8 (What would make you feel most COVID-19 safe at the 2021 Lotus Festival?) and 9 (Please share any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 safety and protocols at the 2021 Lotus Festival.) will be attached to the back of this report.

The following responses have been selected from questions 8 & 9 in order to give the board an at-a-glance sample of the kinds of responses given below. They are not meant to be exhaustive or proportional to the opinions held by the participants as a whole.

- “If there was a way to require proof of vaccination, I would feel safe. Beyond that, there are still too many unknowns. This should become clearer as time goes on but it's admittedly hard for your planning. I would feel safe at something like Lotus in the Park where I could stand away from others if I felt the need to do that.”
- “I know it's difficult because some of the performers would be traveling from countries where the vaccine isn't as readily available as it is here. I would hope that there might be a proof of vaccination requirement to keep fans feeling safe in the front rows of the tents and indoor venues. But I also understand that it might be hard to get the performers vaccinated in some of the more remote countries (ie... Tuva).”
- “If you follow the CDC rules, I'm good, unless there's a significant change with variants.”
- “I have confidence that Lotus, as an organization, will make every effort to follow appropriate guidelines/protocols. It's the "general public" that I don't necessarily trust. For me to "feel comfortable" in an indoor performance setting would depend in part on what our state's infection rates have gotten to.”
- “[The] biggest criteria for me is the trends in the general population regarding infection rates. If it remains low, I will attend with whatever precautions deemed appropriate. If it spikes, not much will get me there.”
- “Requiring vaccine for all adults, including musicians, and social spacing for live attendance and offer virtual package to select events for unvaccinated, whether by choice or underlying condition preventing vaccination (e.g., cancer treatment)”
- “If live indoor events were also live-streamed, I would appreciate being able to attend in whichever way feels safe at that moment. If I am in person, but feel it is not right for whatever reason, if I could remove to a distance and still hear by using my phone and ear buds, that would be a choice that I can control. Feeling like we have a choice, some control, is what makes us feel safe.”
- “I am concerned about the fact that many IU students do not follow COVID protocols off-campus, participate in mass spreader events, and do not intent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I know how dense Lotus crowds can be, and I'm not sure that social distance and masking will be feasible, given the attitude of certain individuals. I love and miss Lotus, but also love staying alive. I am in an extremely high-risk group, and even vaccinated individuals have been infected by unvaccinated individuals.”
- “The government is shifting responsibility to the private sector on COVID protocols. With all the unknowns about immunity or vaccine efficacy after 6-9 months since shot, plus about variants emerging globally, it is best to be more cautious until further science and experience can inform best practices and assure that the virus is not able to surge again. See IU policy.”
- “Knowing that Lotus is working to return while taking into account the week-by-week changes in the pandemic is great, I missed the camaraderie of the in-person Festival, on the other hand we were able to see some acts that we'd never get to Bloomington. Many Festivals are looking at hybrid formats that might give the best of both worlds”
- “I've been vaccinated and feel safe.”
- “Some of the indoor venues in the past for Lotus are small and rather close, which in non-pandemic conditions is a good thing. One of the special things about past Lotus Festivals has

been seeing friends and feeling live. I'm not sure there is a way to reproduce that feeling virtually (and so much of our lives in the past year has been virtual and distracted)."

- "I'd just keep the "safety" messaging strong in all informational/promotional communications- even on the tickets."
- "Attending Lotus in person has been one of the highlights of my year, but despite vaccination I'm reluctant to share air with a lot of people of uncertain vaccine status."
- "Lotus needs to move full speed ahead and ignore COVID. The CDC just said that masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated people..."
- "Don't just do hygiene theatre- enforce any rules you set and let people know you expect the rules to be followed or there will be consequences"
- "I would want unvaccinated people to wear masks, to keep others safe. I'm fine with providing proof of my own vaccination."
- "All volunteers should wear masks and hand sanitizer stations should be set up at every location's entrance."
- "High infection countries should not have acts invited that can't verify vaccination."
- "I would not attend as much of a virtual festival as I would a live one."

What would make you feel most COVID-19 safe at the 2021 Lotus Festival?	Please share any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 safety and protocols at the 2021 Lotus Festival.
nothing	I wish you had included a "maybe" option to some of your questions
Having everyone attending vaccinated but that's not an option.	I am just not into virtual events but others may be.
Outdoor events - masks indoors	None
Mask mandate, asking folks to be vaccinated and for indoor venues, limiting number of attendees with spacing and ventilation enhanced.	See # 8 - I miss Lotus Festival and am pulling for you folks!!! I moved from Oregon to Btown in 2014. Lotus was my first event - I literally walked into it and was blown away! Since then, have volunteered with set up crew each year and so enjoy Lotus!
Compliance with CDC guidelines would suffice, if they are actually enforced	Fingers crossed for reopening.
Out of your control, but the near eradication of the virus	Perhaps best option: offer both live concerts and livestream, so people can choose depending on their assessment of risk.
I'm fully vaccinated, but still advise wearing masks.	I would not attend as much of a virtual festival as I would a live one.
Outdoor only events and virtual events. I'm vacc'd but it feels too risky to me to be indoors with lots of people,	I appreciate that lotus wants to make the events as safe as possible.
Spacing and masking, but I'm vaccinated and confident in the science.	n/a
COVID data (continuing to improve)	Health Dept. & CDC should guide
I already feel 100% safe.	NA
The adults in my family are fully vaccinated, so we feel confident attending the festival provided the vaccine is still proving to be effective against all variants etc at the time. I think masks for indoor events would help us feel comfortable bringing our daughter who is not yet vaccinated.	We are eager to attend live music performances this fall.
the fact that I'm vaccinated	n/a
knowing others are vaccinated	NA
Policies about unvaccinated people	NA
Require people to show proof of vaccinations	I don't have any
Mask wearing unless eating and/or drinking	No concerns
Majority being vaccinated.	NA
outdoors, maybe mask mandate	-
follow the health dept advise	None
	The biggest thing driving my "don't know" responses is just the uncertainty of how things will go as they continue to open up. If we keep moving toward good vaccination rates and if no yet unseen variants emerge that vaccines aren't effective against than I'd feel pretty comfortable with the idea of a relatively normal Lotus.
The ideal seems like requiring proof of vaccination to attend, or at least to enter enclosed venues	There are just a lot of "ifs" to consider that can't be answered, just observed.
Knowing that more people were vaccinated!	NA
Continuing downward numbers and a green light from both the CDC and Mo Co government. It would be good to have plenty of disinfectant at all entrances and exits (like IU has been doing).	Unless we get a summertime spike, this fall I'm predicting a slow and steady opening of indoor venues- and it would be great to have a live, in-person Lotus- even if scaled down a bit. I'd just keep the "safety" messaging strong in all informational/promotional communications- even on the tickets.
local safety guidelines are followed	none
If regional and national covid infections levels are low	It will depend of what is going on in September
enforcement of the whatever ground rules there will be	I have none
Social distancing inside	Performers should all be vaccinated
Follow CDC guidelines	Lotus will do the right thing!
outdoors, spacing, and with masks	none
I am vaccinated and feel safe among other vaccinated people	na
Admitting only fully vaccinated viewers to indoor venues and clusters of distanced seats at outdoor venues.	Don't bother insisting on masks. People deliberately wear them incorrectly or slip them off - too challenging to police this behavior.
An OK by the CDC.	I'm concerned about safety & unvaccinated attendees.
I would like to see social distancing and masking in keeping with local guidelines.	I'd be especially interested in outdoor events in the fall.
COVID should be a distant memory by September	Lotus needs to move full speed ahead and ignore COVID. The CDC just said that masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated people...
outside with some make up times in case of rain	try to have people spaced out a bit indoors
Getting the vaccine and more outdoor shows	If people are concerned about Covid they should get vaccinated, then it shouldn't matter if all people wear a mask or not?
Mask wearing indoors	Survey was a good idea
Social Distancing Measures	N/A
outdoor events	NA
I've been vaccinated and feel safe.	No concerns
1) online again; 2) widely spaced outdoor open air--not inside a tent	Attending Lotus in person has been one of the highlights of my year, but despite vaccination I'm reluctant to share air with a lot of people of uncertain vaccine status.
mandatory masking but difficult to enforce	I hope to be able to continue to volunteer but it's really hard to know what post summer COVID mandates will be. As it is, I regularly encounter people shopping in Bloomington without a mask despite signs saying "mask required". It's simply not enforced even when I complain to management that I don't feel safe in their store.
I'm vaccinated. I feel fairly safe. If everyone wears a mask, it seems safer.	I'd be fine with a mask requirement.
Staying outdoors	na
if everybody wears masks	Don't have any
knowing that you need to be vaccinated to attend indoor events	I have been fully vaccinated now for over a month, so I feel quite safe returning as long as other people also are vaxed
Outdoor events that aren't too crowded.	I've missed hearing live music and look forward to outdoor events again.
Masks required and limited capacity	I'm excited for live music again! And for continuing to provide employment opportunities for musicians during this challenging time.
clear expectations about protocols/venues	x
Truthfully, now that I'm vaccinated, I feel pretty safe. Otherwise, smaller crowds with the ability to spread out would be helpful for feeling safe.	I really would like to see live music. Even if it was outdoors in the rain!
A social distancing plan	NA
following guidelines based on info at time of the festival	our Lotus crowds are really great people and good at following directions
If you let people act like human beings and make their own decisions about masking and distancing.	This whole thing is totally ridiculous. If you are sick, stay home. If you are afraid of crowds, stay home. None of the "safety protocols" have proven effective.
Outdoor events with confirmed vaccinations and/or social distancing	NA
Follow the science and get the city to open it's common sense	Have people send you a pic of their vaccination cards.
People being vaccinated.	None

What would make you feel most COVID-19 safe at the 2021 Lotus Festival?	Please share any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 safety and protocols at the 2021 Lotus Festival.
A high local vaccination rate and continued low infection rate; still more comfortable outdoors than in a crowd indoors	If we get through the summer without a major COVID-related setback, I think most of us will be much more comfortable being in crowded spaces--indoors or out--come fall.
Mostly outdoor events	None
Lotus staff monitoring crowds and requiring the following of rules	Don't just do hygiene theatre- enforce any rules you set and let people know you expect the rules to be followed or there will be consequences
Outdoor venues. Maybe buschum with spacing	
Masks indoors, sanitizer everywhere.	Hey y'all! :)
Continued reduction of cases; increased vaccination levels	Hang in there!
x	x
By September, I hope we're out of the woods and mostly back to normal!	My hope is that by September a lot of the COVID protocols won't be necessary. Just a hope.
Appropriate social distancing measures and masking	N a
If you follow the CDC rules, I'm good, unless there's a significant change with variants.	Thanks for all you're doing to navigate these challenging times.
Participating in outdoor events	N/A
I am vaccinated and comfortable with my risk profile	None
everyone gets vaccinated	We're ready
Hand sanitation stations, visual signs concerning covid guidelines and safety protocols, staff and volunteers at check points	That's it for now
Outdoors, everyone in masks and not overly packed.	I don't have any at this time.
I feel safe. I have been vaccinated.	I know you'll do your best to protect us.
When the majority of individual in our country and state have received the COVID-19 vaccine, and when my university students begin taking COVID-19 seriously.	I am concerned about the fact that many IU students do not follow COVID protocols off-campus, participate in mass spreader events, and do not intent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I know how dense Lotus crowds can be, and I'm not sure that social distance and masking will be feasible, given the attitude of certain individuals. I love and miss Lotus, but also love staying alive. I am in an extremely high-risk group, and even vaccinated individuals have been infected by unvaccinated individuals.
Limited capacities on indoor venues and more outdoor venues.	Wishing you all the best as you navigate this tricky landscape!
What you are already doing!	We can't wait!
If everyone needed to prove they were vaccinated.	I know requiring everyone to be vaccinated is asking a lot, but to be honest that's what would make me feel the safest.
Mask and distancing requirements, and all/majority outdoor concerts	Thank you for creating this survey of opinions and comfort levels
Masks, sanitizer stations	N/a
Won't really know until we see where we are in September 2021 but I am vaccinated and think that events could be safe if guideline were followed that were based on what was happening at the time, but the situation can change from month to month.	Knowing that Lotus is working to return while taking into account the week by week changes in the pandemic is great, I missed the camaraderie of the in person Festival, on the other hand we were able to see some acts that we'd never get to Bloomington. Many Festivals are looking at hybrid formats that might give the best of both worlds
It all depends on what the next couple months bring. I feel safe myself (fully vaccinated), but still very cautious out of habit.	It is too early for me to commit to how I will behave in Sept. If this current "opening up" does not cause a spike, then sure I will feel safer, but until I see the results, I don't know.
Outdoors	None
I feel safe in my actions of hand hygiene, masking, socially distancing, being vaccinated. I am a nurse and I worked through this pandemic at its worst with the COVID population. I want someone ENFORCING the guidelines and rules. Right now so many people get offended by everything and they put others at risk my taking their masks off or sticking their nose out..or wearing it as a chin diaper. Just make sure the existing guidelines are actually followed and I will feel safe. Literally ask people to leave if they don't follow the rules.	Answered in question #8 - since you can't ask who has been vaccinated AND vaccinations aren't 100% enforce masks be work properly and encourage hand sanitizer use.
Masks required, outdoor performances	I think lotus should happen this year with outdoor performances
Mask usage by non-vaccinated ppl, space allowed between spectators	I trust that safety will be a priority
Mandatory masks, maybe proof of vaccines for indoor events	I miss Lotus
Outdoor space!	Crowds are still an uncomfortable though
Outdoor activities, sanitation stations	Excited to see lotus again!
clear communication, options, & kindness	thank you so much for doing all of this research. your effort is appreciated by me! sending love.
None	None
Masks! I am fully vaccinated and ready to see live music :)	None
Space to spread out from tight crowds	Being vaccinated, I'm feeling pretty safe to go to events now
I feel safe, now that I am vaccinated	I'm comfortable
Vaccine passports	N/A
Moderate social distancing, say 3' as opposed to 6'.	All things considered I am ready to attend live events both inside and outside.
Attendance limited to documented vaccinated people.	Xxxxx
masking, distancing, and outdoor events esp Lotus in the Park; even the tents feel risky; for indoor venues, seriously restricting numbers allowed in at one time, but that may not be feasible	I really want to support Lotus and I'm hopeful that some events can be held. At the current moment (May 19th) it's hard to imagine feeling safe sitting or standing close to many others both inside and outside. Would the COVID protocols be those of the current CDC (which is basically nothing), or something more rigorous? Would Lotus be required to follow City/County protocols, or could Lotus have its own protocols? If there was a way to require proof of vaccination I would feel safe. Beyond that, there are still too many unknowns. This should become clearer as time goes on but it's admittedly hard for your planning. I would feel safe at something like Lotus in the Park where I could stand away from others if I felt the need to do that. By September, this may all feel very different and hopefully safer... but right now we don't know.
Primarily outdoor events	None
A sense that the wider society is taking reality of COVID-19 illnesses and transmission as true.	Participants getting into shouting matches or fights about masking.
If masks are required at indoor venues and seating is spread out a bit.	Looking forward to whatever version of the Lotus Festival you can create!!
I have confidence that Lotus, as an organization, will make every effort to follow appropriate guidelines/protocols. It's the "general public" that I don't necessarily trust. For me to "feel comfortable" in an indoor performance setting would depend in part on what our state's infection rates have gotten to.	See above.
Everyone being vaccinated, but I feel safe regardless.	Can't wait!!
Vaccine passports	I have no doubt that Lotus Festival planners will make good decisions based on the responsible balance of risks and benefits.
outdoor venues; if indoor, then separation between people and masks	I will be out of the country so I don't think I can attend this year.
distanced seating	none
Being vaccinated; outdoor events	None
Limited numbers, especially at indoor events.	N/A
We've had our vaccines but would be ok with wearing masks at indoor events	No concerns
Arranged seating instead of standing	Can we fly Movits! in this year?

What would make you feel most COVID-19 safe at the 2021 Lotus Festival?	Please share any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 safety and protocols at the 2021 Lotus Festival.
Masks, social distancing, and being outdoors	I appreciate you asking these questions; thank you!!
I'm vaccinated so not very concerned about it.	no other comments
	I'm obsessed with Lotus Festival, and I really hope we can have a safe in-person celebration this year. I know it's difficult because some of the performers would be traveling from countries where the vaccine isn't as readily available as it is here. I would hope that there might be a proof of vaccination requirement to keep fans feeling safe in the front rows of the tents and indoor venues. But I also understand that it might be hard to get the performers vaccinated in some of the more remote countries (ie... Tuva).
Requiring proof of vaccination before allowing to enter indoor spaces.	All in all, I'm really looking forward to an in-person Lotus this year!
I think those who are vaccinated should be fine in doors or out.	None
Knowing that festival organizers followed recommended protocol and expected it of all festival attendees as well.	n/a
As a vaccinated person I would feel safe in all the of the scenarios presented.	I miss Lotus and live music and am anxious to have the typical experience while considering common sense safety precautions if necessary.
I feel that with current CDC guidelines, I am not concerned at all. I am vaccinated, as is everyone else who is concerned enough to get the vaccine. I feel that if the city is allowing gatherings and the cdc is not discouraging it, then we should proceed with the full festival.	I hope you guys do a full in person festival!!
Virtual concerts	None
If there was some way to limit attendance at indoor events to vaccinated people.	If screening out unvaccinated people from indoor events is not possible, I would like to see some sort of social distancing/lower capacity in place.
Following cdc protocols	Screen for vaccines
If all people would get vaccinated. Short of that masks would be acceptable.	I'm very much hoping for a live in-person Lotus Festival this fall. I miss the wonderful gatherings of past years!
Masks required, vaccinations strongly recommended or proof required	No questions
CDC guidance and local community embracing whatever safety measures are necessary	none
Doing exactly what you guys did during 2020 Lotus festival	Having a family with high risk already conditions I believe that it is still way too early to return to normal
require vaccination - even if it is just an honor system attestation	prefer outdoor tent venues - less enclosed tents if possible
biggest criteria for me is the trends in the general population regarding infection rates. If it remains low, I will attend with whatever precautions deemed appropriate. If it spikes, not much will get me there.	...
Oh, just seeing our community come alive again!	None
I'm vaccinated, so I feel safe.	I would want unvaccinated people to wear masks, to keep others safe. I'm fine with providing proof of my own vaccination.
I'm fully vaccinated so I feel safe	I miss Lotus!
Outdoor events, limited attendees.	I look forward to another Lotus.
I feel safe as things have eased up	Things have changed and restrictions has eased up
Social distancing, mask wearing for those unvaccinated	N/A
Would feel safe outside: inside would depend on venue & number of people	Depends on what happens with covid over the next few months
If everyone was vaccinated! But of course, there's no way to know.	None
Outdoor performances under tents	I hope that Lotus will be back!
How about having to show vax card upon entry?	None
Double Pfizer, I feel safe now without masks	Attending is the most important. I would wear a mask if you asked.
Requiring masks and some social distancing rules - per CDC	I'm fully vaccinated but am still a little wary of large indoor gatherings. And I worry about kids under 12 who can't yet be vaccinated. But mask-wearing would help greatly!
Not sure: it's too early to know what conditions will pertain in September	Some of the indoor venues in the past for Lotus are small and rather close, which in non-pandemic conditions is a good thing. One of the special things about past Lotus Festivals has been seeing friends and feeling live. I'm not sure there is a way to reproduce that feeling virtually (and so much of our lives in the past year has been virtual and distracted).
Clear and confident public health messaging; you've got this.	The university's decision to require vaccinations is a great step in the right direction for our community.
Enforcement of wearing masks at all venues and social distancing indoors.	Knowing the plans as soon as possible would help because I'm coming from out of state. Thanks!
being vaccinated...Wow...We are!!!	just do your best. We love Lotus!!!
Requiring vaccinations	I miss it but not sure how comfortable I am with crowds at this time. Even if protocols allow it, indoor capacity should be limited.
Masks indoors as of now	As much outside as possible. More seating for outside performances
A festival mask mandate for unvaccinated people	The very fact that you are doing this survey makes me feel safer
Clear safety measures and instructions. If all the attendees have them clear we'll take care of each other in a better way.	Besides live performances are there any plans to have other kind of activities?
By Lotus time, most venues should be safe	none
requiring masks for all volunteers and attendees	Looking forward to volunteering in person!
	I hope there will be a festival.
Everyone following whatever protocols the festival establishes.	
require that every attendee have had their shots-vaccine card in hand	Hoping it can go forward with as many eager performers as possible
	According to the CDC, those who have been vaxed can still get it, spread it, and mutate it. Masks help. Fresh air helps. Taking temp helps assure folks sick can be asked to go home.
Masks. Outside.	
I've been vaccinated and feel safe.	none
Vaccinated people	Hi infection countries should not have acts invited that can't verify vaccination.
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Required proof of vacation	Na
Requiring vaccine for all adults, including musicians, and social spacing for live attendance and offer virtual package to select events for unvaccinated, whether by choice or underlying condition preventing vaccination (e.g., cancer treatment)	The government is shifting responsibility to the private sector on COVID protocols. With all the unknowns about immunity or vaccine efficacy after 6-9 months since shot, plus about variants emerging globally, it is best to be more cautious until further science and experience can inform best practices and assure that the virus is not able to surge again. See IU policy.
wearing a mask and being vaccinated myself- which I am	none
I'm not sure	None
Masks	Some concern about high numbers of people attending
Following Covid safety guidelines.	Feeling hopeful.
People wearing masks; good indoor ventilation; outdoor venues that don't blast your eardrums	It's a challenging time to know about Sept but I feel all be good from late May until Oct/Nov and trust Lotus will make it safe
Nothing to add from above	none
virtual	international artists coming to town is a concern.
masks, outside options, eating areas away from venues, vaccines required, etc.	x

What would make you feel most COVID-19 safe at the 2021 Lotus Festival?	Please share any other comments, questions, or concerns regarding COVID-19 safety and protocols at the 2021 Lotus Festival.
Outdoors events and mandatory mask wearing	N/A
If live indoor events were also live-streamed, I would appreciate being able to attend in whichever way feels safe at that moment. If I am in person, but feel it is not right for whatever reason, if I could remove to a distance and still hear by using my phone and ear buds, that would be a choice that I can control. Feeling like we have a choice, some control, is what makes us feel safe.	I think you need to limit the number of people who can enter an indoor performance. My experience of Lotus is a crush of humans coming and going - which admittedly is part of the ambiance - but if I can't be guaranteed space between parties, I probably won't go inside. If you can live-stream indoor events, it would make it easier. I missed the 2020 events because I just wasn't ready for it, but I've discovered a lot of value in attending music events online.
Nothing in particular.	No particular concerns.
A virtual festival is safest, but second best would be a mask requirement.	All volunteers should wear masks and hand sanitizer stations should be set up at every location's entrance.