



As you are aware, since reopening our facilities in June 2020, we have followed both CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines related to COVID-19 safety protocols. We thank you for your support throughout this time.

Late on 5/13, the CDC announced that individuals fully vaccinated for COVID-19 no longer need to wear a mask while indoors. Shortly after the CDC announcement, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that effective immediately, anyone fully vaccinated for COVID-19 is not subject to the state Mask Order, which remains in effect until 70 percent of Pennsylvanians are vaccinated.

In accordance with this announcement, **beginning Monday, May 17, members, program participants and staff of The Pocono Family YMCA who are fully vaccinated may utilize our facilities and participate in programs without a face mask.** Please note that there will be areas where that a mask will be mandatory due to current DHS guidelines. **Masks will be required in the following areas: Front Lobby, Gym, Connecting Hallway, & all designated childcare spaces.**

Fully vaccinated is defined as:

- 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine

If you do not meet the above requirements, you are not considered fully vaccinated and therefore are required to continue to wear a mask when inside a YMCA facility and when *outdoors on our grounds when social distancing cannot be maintained*. We are counting on the integrity of our Y community to follow this guidance based on their vaccination status.

In honoring our Y core value of respect, with regards to our fellow Y members/staff, please remember individuals may continue to wear a mask for a number of reasons. If you have any questions regarding the mask order while accessing the facility, please see the front desk or any Y-management employee.

We will continue to complete temperature checks upon entry into the facility, maintain social distance around our equipment and group exercise spaces, use our reservation system, and apply our enhanced cleaning practices. These additional safety precautions will remain in effect the Pennsylvania mitigation orders have been lifted on June 1, 2021.

The safety of our members, participants and staff remains our top priority. We will continue to uphold COVID-19 safety guidelines from the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health. **We appreciate your care and respect for your fellow Y members as we continue to work together to maintain the safest environment possible.**

Please stay tuned for more updates and announcements via social media, website, and emails.

Stay safe,
Your Pocono Family YMCA Team