



To our YMCA family,

We are closing in on our sixth week open to members and campers! Our extensive and thoughtful planning and adherence to our safety protocols continues to provide a safe and comfortable space for all, and we have received so much positive feedback from all of you.

It is important for us to continue all of our safety procedures related to COVID-19. Connecticut is currently on track to defeat COVID at the quickest pace in the nation, but that is because of people like our staff and members who continue to strictly adhere to all best practices. Now is not the time to let up, but to continue forward and keep everyone safe!

Based on our experiences these past few weeks and new information available, we are slightly amending our mask policy. You can read the new information below, but as a reminder our other mask policies remain in place:

- A mask must be worn at all times (other than the listed exceptions below) by everyone over the ages of 2. Masks should fully cover your nose and mouth at all times. You may remove your mask in the following circumstances:
 - When in the pool.
 - While using cardio equipment, which is set up with 12-foot spacing.
 - During indoor or outdoor group exercise classes and programs that have 12-foot spacing. Please call to ask if you have a question on a specific program or class.

MASK POLICY AMENDMENT

Effective: Wednesday, August 5, 2020



For the safety of our members and staff, we are amending our mask policy in our branches. While the YMCA's mission is to be for all and create an inclusive environment, we also need to ensure the health of all those that come in to our building. For that reason, we will no longer be able to accommodate visits from those who cannot wear a mask. We recognize this will prevent some of our valued members with medical conditions from visiting, and we will be able to put your membership on hold until the mask requirement is removed.

Masks may still be removed while using cardio equipment, swimming, or participating in a class or program that provides at least 12-foot spacing. At all other times masks should be worn properly, fully covering the nose and mouth. This will help the YMCA and Connecticut overall continue to keep this virus at bay so we can remain open to serve our communities.

While we are expanding our indoor and in person programming, we are continuing with virtual and plan to continue expanding this service! Stay tuned for updates on virtual programming, virtual membership, and also new safety protocols coming soon.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out! We don't know how long these policies will last. The governor has delayed Phase 3 in Connecticut, meaning that the YMCA's Step 2 of reopening is also on an indefinite pause.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

Your YMCA Family