



May 18, 2021

Dear Members,

We hope this email finds you well!

We have some **GOOD NEWS!** As a community, we've been doing our part to keep everyone safe through the pandemic. In June 2020, we opened with safety protocols that helped prevent the spread of COVID-19 cases in our Y community. We want to thank you for your part in helping to keep our community safe!

Now with new guidance from the State of Connecticut and the CDC regarding fully vaccinated individuals and masks, we are able to ease restrictions which we hope will enhance your experience at the Y!

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COVID-19 Safety Updates

We've got some **GOOD NEWS!**

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With new guidance from the State of Connecticut and CDC regarding fully vaccinated individuals and masks, we're making a few changes:

- We will no longer be taking your temperature!
- We have eliminated one way direction in our facilities!
- We will continue enhanced cleaning throughout the branch. We will also continue to provide cleaning solution and hand sanitizer.
- Reservations are no longer required for the gymnasium.
- Water Fitness Classes: Please contact your local YMCA branch for guidelines.
- Warm Water Pools no longer require reservations or have restrictions.

We are following State of Connecticut mandated mask guidelines and the CDC recommended guidelines.

Members, if you are:

Fully vaccinated: masks are your choice.

Not fully vaccinated: we ask that you wear a mask. Although we won't ask if you are fully vaccinated, we hope that you will be considerate of all the populations we serve, including children and high-risk populations who are unable to get vaccinated.

All members, participants and guests ages 5-11 are required to wear a mask unless they are able to maintain social distance and/or engaged in high-intensity activities.

Staff Mask Wearing

- Staff will be required to continue wearing a mask at this time. We will review this policy in the near future.

After Monday, May 24, the branches will:

- Place cardio and strength training equipment back in their original position. Exercise mats, medicine balls, TRX straps and other equipment will be brought back to our wellness centers and group exercise rooms.
- Guests may try the Y when accompanied by a YMCA member.
- Climbing Walls will resume operation.

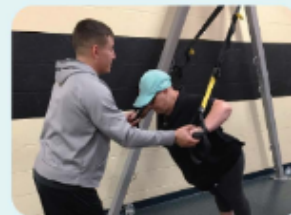
Other Amenities at the branch:

- Steam Room and Sauna will remain closed at this time.
- Whirlpool will remain open with the limit of 1 member per reserved session.
- Child Watch will remain closed at this time. We will continue to develop a plan to re-open Child Watch; in conjunction with children being vaccinated.

Our decisions are made after taking into consideration the many different populations that we serve, including children and high-risk individuals. We will share any potential policy updates as quickly as it is practical to do so, and these policies will continue to evolve.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to your branch team, or friends@GHYMCA.org

We ask that all members demonstrate the YMCA values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility toward each other and our dedicated staff team. Thank you for helping to keep our Y safe!



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Thank you for for being a member of the YMCA of Greater Hartford and helping to keep our Y community safe!

~The YMCA of Greater Hartford Staff Team

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