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## YMCA of Greater Brandywine Mask Policy Effective April 4, 2021

*This policy was developed based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH), Chester County Health Department and the Department of Human Services.*

### Masks at the YMCA

- While at the YMCA, everyone older than two must wear a face mask at all times. Face masks are to fit snugly around their mouth and nose, extends below their chin and be secured with loops or ties behind the ears.
- Cotton masks or those with a cotton layer on the inside, surgical masks or masks with a clear vinyl window are acceptable.
- Masks with valves, gaiters, bandanas, scarfs and face shields worn alone without a mask are not acceptable.
- Masks do not need to be worn when in the pool or when showering. However, masks are to be put back on immediately upon exiting the pool or shower. Those participating in an aqua group exercise class should wear a plastic face shield whenever feasible to protect their fellow class members.
- Masks can be removed while eating or drinking when a social distance of at least six feet can be maintained.
- Staff are always required to wear a face mask when interacting with staff and members; Mask may be removed when in an office alone with door closed.
- Mask are required even if vaccinated.

### Outdoor Activities

- For most outdoor activities at the YMCA when social distancing of at least six feet can be maintained, masks are not required. Outdoor tennis is an exception, as masks are required when playing tennis—whether indoors or outdoors. Additionally, children in YMCA childcare and early learning programs will keep their masks on when outside.

### Programs

- Programs including, but not limited to, indoor group exercise classes, gymnastics, indoor and outdoor tennis, childcare and youth sports require a mask at all times.

### No Exceptions

- There are NO exceptions for not wearing a mask for anyone above the age of two. **If a member chooses not to wear a mask, they will be denied entry.** We encourage those who do not want to wear a mask to access our virtual offerings at [ymcagbw.org/virtual](http://ymcagbw.org/virtual). A YGBW membership is required.

### Childcare and Early Learning Programs, Child Watch

- If a child has a medical, mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the individual with Disabilities Education Act that would preclude them from wearing a mask, parents/guardians are to discuss this with the Childcare Director. All alternatives to wearing a face covering, including the use of a face shield, should be exhausted before a child is exempt from this policy.

We all have a responsibility to do our part in helping one another stay safe and healthy.

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