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## YMCA of Greater Brandywine COVID Updates Effective May 18, 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 for those who are **NOT** fully vaccinated**

- While at the YMCA, everyone older than two, who are not fully vaccinated, must wear a face mask at all times while inside. 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.
- 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 upon exiting the pool or shower.
- Masks can be removed while eating or drinking.

### **Masks at the YMCA for those who **ARE** fully vaccinated**

- Following our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, we ask that you continue to care for one another and only remove your mask while in engaged in activities, if you are fully vaccinated. These activities can include but not limited to working out in the wellness center, indoor group exercise classes, and weight room training.
- We ask that when members and staff are not actively engaged in activities and when traveling through common area that they wear their mask. The common area can include but not limited to hallways, lobbies, and restrooms.

### **Outdoor Activities**

- For outdoor activities at the YMCA masks are not required for vaccinated or non-vaccinated individuals.

### **Childcare, Early Learning Programs and 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.
- Children (age 2 and over) and staff in these programs will keep their masks on when outside and inside.

### **Facility and Programmatic Changes come June 1.**

- All COVID signage will be removed, including our social distance stickers.
- Equipment will be placed back in its PRE-COVID position.
- Class participant size and amenities will be restored to PRE-COVID numbers.
- Mask will no longer be mandatory to wear for those members and staff who are fully vaccinated.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated will remain in mask until the state mandate is lifted.

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