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Dear Springfield JCC Members:

We again are preparing to relax our COVID-19 policies, beginning on Monday, November 8th! While our entire community works to navigate this new phase, we want you to rest assured that we have leaned heavily on our Medical Advisory Committee to help us craft new policies. We feel confident in our approach, which is detailed below.

In this notice are important steps and procedures that we will require our members to follow in order to use our services. **Our updated policies are in line with the CDC, and local and state mandates, which allow vaccinated members to be unmasked.**

Members must wear masks into the building and keep them on through common areas and hallways. If you are vaccinated, masks can be removed in the following areas:

- Fitness Center
- Gym
- Outdoor Areas
- Swimming Pool
- Lounge for adult programs or meetings
- Auditorium for adult programs or group fitness classes

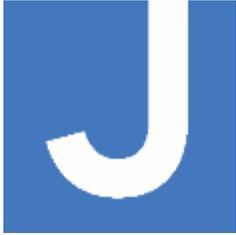
For those who are not yet comfortable exercising maskless , we are preparing our middle squash court to serve as a masked fitness area for those who are not yet comfortable removing their masks. This area will be available after 1:00 PM daily.

Because the JCC is guided by the mission of nourishing and protecting our community’s wellbeing, we feel it is our responsibility to take actions that emphasize our commitment to public health for ALL of our members — including our tiniest members, many of whom aren’t eligible for vaccination yet or have just become eligible and are waiting on a vaccination appointment. We know that you being a part of our community means you understand compromise is sometimes necessary when it comes to the wellbeing of the entire community. The JCC respects and appreciates your commitment to these values, especially during this time.

I also want to assure you that while we are requiring our members to follow specific protocols, our staff will be following stringent guidelines as well. Our staff COVID-19 vaccination mandate went into effect on October 8th, and our staff will remain masked in common areas of the building.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to remind you that many who are vaccinated are not ready to be maskless. If you see someone inside the JCC with a mask on, that does not mean they are unvaccinated. Please understand that circumstances vary and approach masked members with kindness.

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JCC Vaccine & Masking FAQ's

How do I prove my vaccination status?

- You may begin bringing in your original CDC vaccination card to show the Welcome Desk staff at any point. You MUST provide the original vaccination card; we will not accept a copy or picture.
- In order to go maskless, your CDC vaccination card will need to indicate full vaccination status. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after a single-dose vaccine or two weeks after a two-dose vaccination.
- You will only need to show proof of vaccination once. We will confidentially notate your status so each time you check in our system will subtly alert staff if you are vaccinated.
- Please be patient with our Welcome Desk staff as they navigate this operational transition and take extra care to confirm vaccination status.

Okay, so you know I'm vaccinated. What happens on November 8?

- Starting November 8, you will enter the JCC with a mask on — regardless of vaccination status. Because we serve many who are ineligible for vaccination, we will require masks in all common areas of the JCC, including entering and exiting the facility.
- If you are vaccinated and have provided proof of vaccination, you will be given a single-use wristband to wear during your time at the J. Wearing this single-use wristband alerts our staff to your ability to go maskless!
- After you receive the wristband and begin walking to your intended destination, you will continue to wear a mask walking through hallways, when using locker rooms or hallway restrooms, in addition to when entering and exiting the lobby.

What if I'm not vaccinated?

- If you are unvaccinated, you must wear a mask at all times, in accordance with CDC and Massachusetts recommendations.
- Because we have such a large population of vaccination-ineligible members, it is even more important when visiting the JCC to keep your mask on at all times if unvaccinated.

What if infection rates rise?

- The JCC has been advised by our Medical Advisory Committee to closely monitor the 14-day average infection rate. If a certain threshold is reached, the JCC will adjust its policies. We will communicate these changes in advance of the change taking place.



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