



An Update On COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

Dear Members,

On Friday, Governor Hochal mandated that masks are required in all indoor facilities unless there is a vaccinated only requirement already in place. While our policies already include a mask requirement for all members and a vaccinated exception in certain areas of the facilities, the new mandate clearly requires an all or nothing policy.

Frequently Asked Questions on the NYS government website:

Can a business or venue “mix and match”? For example, can a business or venue allow fully vaccinated patrons to be unmasked, but unvaccinated or partially vaccinated patrons to wear masks in the same indoor facility? What about allowing patrons to be unmasked when everyone in the facility is fully vaccinated, but asking everyone in the facility to wear a mask when someone who is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated enters?

No. A business or venue must choose whether it will implement a full-course vaccine requirement or a mask requirement, which applies to both patrons and employees and then must be followed in its entirety throughout the facility at all times each day.

For the continued health and safety of our members and guests and based on the above mandate provided by Governor Hochal, **beginning Monday, December 13, 2021**, our current policy will remove all the exceptions to wearing a mask when vaccinated and actively participating in certain activities and now include that you may only remove your mask while actively swimming or showering.

We will maintain our diligence in monitoring the safety rules and regulations as they continue to change and keep you informed of any additional updates.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to do all we can to make sure we operate as safe a facility as we can. We will maintain the increased cleaning, regular HEPA filter changes and UV lighting as we have since we reopened.

Stay healthy and safe and enjoy the holidays.

Sincerely,

Rick Lewis

