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We're Open, and We're Stronger Together!

We have ALL been doing our part to help keep the Southcoast safe during the pandemic. YMCA Southcoast re-opened in June 2020 with safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our community. We greatly appreciate our members who adapted to our online reservation system and continued to visit us on a regular basis. To those who chose to stay away, we understand and support your decision.

Our state has hit a great milestone with Governor Baker's announcement that the outdoor mask mandate will be lifted, and other restrictions eased on May 29th. We could not be more excited to get back to (a new) normal, and we'd like to share with you what that means for our local Y branches.

What can you expect?

We will NOT ask your vaccination status, and we trust that you will honor the Y's commitment to social responsibility.

Here's what we WILL do:

- We will continue enhanced cleaning throughout all branches. Hand sanitizer and cleaning solution will be provided for our members.
- We have eliminated one-way directions in our facilities.
- Reservations will **only** be required for Group Exercise and Water Aerobics.
- Group Exercise space will be increased to accommodate more participants.
- We will slowly return exercise equipment to its normal positions.
- Climbing walls will resume operation.
- Steam rooms and saunas are now open. Please note that masks should **not** be worn in these areas.

We will follow state and CDC guidelines regarding masks, which means if you are:

- **Fully vaccinated:** It's your choice whether to wear a mask!
- **Not fully vaccinated:** We encourage you to wear a mask in consideration of all the populations we serve, including children and high-risk individuals who are unable to receive vaccinations.

YMCA Staff

- Our staff will follow the state and CDC guidelines. They are asked to maintain social distancing if not wearing a mask.
- Early Education and Care (EEC) and Department of Public Health (DPH), the state governing bodies for childcare and camp, currently mandates that children and staff continue to wear masks in group settings **indoors**. We will abide by this in our facilities.

We appreciate your support and flexibility as we safely navigate back to our role as the Southcoast's community center for everyone. We have made these decisions based on what we believe is best for our membership overall. We recognize that change is challenging, and there may be more as we emerge from the pandemic.

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