

November 25, 2020

Dear YMCA Members,

As you may have heard, the Columbus City Council passed a mask mandate last night for the city of Columbus. The mandate will go into effect at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, November 28th and will affect all premises open to the public.

Regardless of what side of this issue you are on, the mask mandate is a way we can help **keep the YMCA open**. All of you, our staff, and the board of directors want our YMCA to remain open so we can continue to meet the health needs of our community and fulfill our mission of youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living.

Like many in our community, our YMCA is experiencing some challenging times. We are struggling greatly due to memberships that have not yet come back because of the pandemic. Wearing a mask is one small thing we can all do to help ensure the Y continues to remain open. Please follow the guidelines below.

Columbus Family YMCA Mask Mandate Guidelines

- **Masks are required to worn by everyone ages 6 years old and up** (now a city ordinance)
- Any time you are **not actively participating** in an exercise or sport, a **mask is required**
- Masks are **not required** when:
 - You are **actively exercising, swimming, or participating in a sport**. While engaged in these activities: wear the mask to where you are exercising, take off your mask, exercise, then put the mask back on
 - You are social distancing a **minimum of 6-feet apart** from any other person
 - You are in a **sauna or steam room - provided you are 6-feet apart** from anyone else in the room. Note: saunas and steam rooms are limited to two (2) people at a time
 - There's a **documented medical condition** prohibiting you from wearing a mask

Obviously, this policy does not cover every circumstance. So, **when in doubt wear your mask**.

The city's mask mandate is scheduled to expire at 11:59 p.m. on February 23rd, 2021. We will keep you informed of any changes to the requirements of the mandate or it's timeframe.

As members, keeping the YMCA open now in your hands. Wearing a mask as required will go a long way towards keeping the YMCA open and available to you and everyone in our community. We thank you in advance for following the guidelines above as we all do our part.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Corey Briggs, CEO

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