



September 17, 2021

Members and Volunteers,

As you may be aware, the Provincial Government has laid out a framework for mandatory masking and vaccination requirements with two different start dates. Many of these directly affect the YMCA of Saskatoon and our various programs. After reviewing the health order and additional resources available at www.saskatchewan.ca, we are implementing the following policies and guidelines.

We are enforcing these mandates in order to continue building our healthy communities. In some cases, we have decided to go beyond the government mandated requirements to ensure we provide an exceptionally safe space for everyone who works or visits our various facilities and programs.

We hope that you will join us in recognizing that we are dealing with an ever-changing scenario, which means we are **evolving policies and procedures in such a way that ensures everyone's safety**. Just as we require all staff to have First Aid and CPR along with Child Protection Awareness training, we are now providing guidance and structure for living with COVID-19 to keep everyone safe and our organization operational for the future.

Effectively immediately as of September 17, 2021

- **Masks are required at all times for all persons** entering a YMCA facility.
- Masks must be worn while exercising regardless of age or activity.
- The only exception is while showering or swimming and for those 3 years old and under.

- In order to keep the Sauna, Steam Room and Whirlpool open; the following guidelines are need to be followed while using the facilities:
 - Wear mask at all times
 - Keep 2-meter (6 feet) distance between persons
 - Vaccine recommended

All items are subject to change as the COVID-19 situation evolves in Saskatchewan

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

- Proof of full vaccination will be required upon entry to any YMCA facility which includes: Health, Fitness and Aquatic, Child Care Centres, Saskatoon Early Years Family Resource Centre, Before and After School Programs.
- A negative COVID test will not be sufficient to gain entry.
- Child care pickup at all YMCA Child Care Centre locations will require proof of vaccination by those picking up children. Upon vaccine verification, a card will be issued to parents/caregivers/guardians.
- Masking requirements *may* be removed for fully vaccinated persons while exercising after the October 1st, 2021 which is the beginning of proof of vaccine requirements – this is subject to SHA and the Government of Saskatchewan Health Orders.
- Proof of vaccination eligibility requirements (proof of vaccination) will be determined based on the SHA Health Order released on September 16 ([click here to view](#))

We sincerely hope you will join us in following the mandates issued by the SHA. Thus, protecting each and every person who works, volunteers and utilizes the services/programs that the YMCA provides. These services happen not only within the city but also in collaboration with other community partners. We truly are building healthy communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dodge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean Dodge,
CEO, YMCA of Saskatoon