



September 7, 2021

Dear YMCA Family,

As the YMCA of Saskatoon takes seriously the health and safety of all of our participants and as community leaders with children and youth. We have made the following procedural changes to further enhance and protect everyone who attends various YMCA programs and services.

**Effective September 13th, 2021** everyone who enters either a YMCA facility or program will be required to wear masks upon entry and keep masks on while in common areas.

**Everyone will be required** to self-determine the answers to the following questions:

- Have I been diagnosed with or been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Am I experiencing a new cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?
- Have I had a fever in the last 48 hours?

Masks must be worn while in common areas (exception at this time is exercising, showering or swimming).

This decision was made in response to the increased prevalence of highly transmissible variants of concern, the lower-than-expected vaccination rates in Saskatchewan, and the fact that young children cannot yet be vaccinated. We all need to continue using proven tools such as hand hygiene, distancing where possible, good ventilation, and consistent self-evaluation of symptoms.

We trust that you will agree that these measures are needed to protect those who require us to watch out for them. We would also encourage each and every one of you, who is able, to get fully vaccinated. We believe, and support, the hoped-for decision from the Province, to require vaccinations as a condition to utilize services that the YMCA and other groups provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dodge'.

Dean Dodge,  
CEO, YMCA of Saskatoon