



August 30, 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 children in our care.

Effective September 1st, 2021 all child care centres will require staff, children and families dropping off their children to be masked upon entry into the Child Care Centres or Family Resource Centre. Any staff entering areas where there are children 12 and under are required to wear a mask as well.

Effective September 1st, 2021 all YMCA staff will be encouraged to wear masks when outside of offices or dealing with the public persons.

Effective September 13th, 2021 all participants in our YMCA Child and Youth programs will be required to wear masks upon entry into the YMCA and must remain wearing masks while in the YMCA (exception is while swimming or showering).

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 for the short term (to be reviewed periodically based on current SHA recommendations and local guidelines) to protect those who require us to watch out for them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dodge".

Dean Dodge,
CEO, YMCA of Saskatoon