



# NEW YMCA MASK POLICY



Effective Monday, November 23rd

## FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN OUR FACILITY AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL LOCATIONS

As COVID cases continue to increase in La Crosse County and surrounding areas, it is more important than ever that we protect the safety of our staff and members so that our YMCA can remain open. Our community, our neighbors, and friends are important to us, and they are counting on us to do what is right for our community. We need **every Y member** and the community to comply with the mask mandate.

### HOW WE WILL MANAGE MASK MANDATE EXEMPTIONS:

1. Even if you meet the CDC or State guidelines for an exemption, you need to wear a mask in our facility at all times (exceptions are for swimming, showering and getting a drink and children under five).
2. We know that wearing a mask while exercising is challenging and not ideal. We understand and feel the same way. It can be difficult to adjust to breathing under a mask when you are exercising, but it can be done.

### REFUSAL TO WEAR A MASK:

Please understand that for the safety of the staff and members around you, we will not be making any exceptions to our mask policy.

- a. If you take your mask off or lower your mask, we will kindly remind you of our policy.
- b. After one reminder, we will ask you to leave the YMCA for that day.
- c. If you consistently refuse to wear a mask when you visit the Y, we will need to cancel your membership. The Y will be here for you when you are ready to return.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

For the health and well-being of our community, we need everyone's support to reduce the spread of COVID in our community. Your life or the life of someone you love depends on it.

Thank you,

**Bill Soper**  
CEO

**Jim Warren**  
YMCA Board President