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Dear Members,

I'd like to personally thank all of you for your on-going commitment to our YMCA and for how you've been so supportive throughout the past year. It has been an eventful past 14 months and you've weathered the storm with us. I am happy to send this letter as it contains a bit of good news and provides additional optimism for the coming months.

Yesterday afternoon the CDC announced that masks were no longer required to be worn for people who have been fully vaccinated. For clarification purposes, a fully vaccinated person is considered someone who has had the full regimen of vaccination shots and it is 2 weeks past their last shot. Shortly after the CDC announcement, the PA Department of Health (PADOH) followed suit by stating that effective immediately, PA would follow the same guidelines.

This is great news for all of us. It shows we continue to move towards our communities returning to interactions we once considered normal. I am optimistic that the rest of the Commonwealth will achieve the required 70% of adults being fully vaccinated so we may all remove our masks in the coming weeks/months.

I am happy to advise that **effective immediately** we will be following the recommended CDC guidelines regarding masking protocol for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people. This means that people who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear masks while at the YMCA or in any other YMCA programs.

Additionally, we will be opening both the sauna and steam rooms on Monday, May 17. We recommend that anyone who is not yet fully vaccinated to refrain from using those amenities.

If you are currently a member on hold and would like to begin using the Y immediately, please come in today and we will reactivate your membership with your first draft to take effect in June.

Those who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a mask and those who are fully vaccinated but choose to wear a mask may choose to do so. We will not be checking for vaccination proof and will be going on the honor system. It is our expectation that our members will honor our YMCA's 5 Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, Responsibility, and Teamwork during this time as we begin to get back to normal. For the time being we will continue to ask people to please confirm they are able to pass the prescreen questions and to have their temperature taken upon entrance to the YMCA. We will be updating signage to reflect these changes.

Thank you so much for being a part of our YMCA. I appreciate you. I'm glad to be able to announce this change and am hopeful this will encourage you to begin to return to your prior "normal" YMCA routine or ask us to help you develop a new one to help put covid-19 behind you.

Sincerely,

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