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PRESS RELEASE

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Recreation Centers of SCW provides additional details on new mask requirement

Given the large number and variety of facilities and activities at the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Association management is clarifying requirements for its mandatory mask policy.

As of Friday, June 12, masks are required inside all shared spaces at Rec Centers facilities. Face shields are acceptable for those who cannot breathe through cloth masks. Masks also are required in outdoor spaces where 6-foot social distancing cannot be accomplished. Here are some examples of what this means:

- Masks must be worn inside all fitness centers, including on treadmills and ellipticals. Members must clean the equipment after each use with the sanitizing wipes provided. Residents are advised not to use fitness equipment if the masks affect their breathing to an unsafe degree while using the equipment. Every other treadmill is being closed to provide additional protection.
- Masks must be worn when entering and checking into a facility, even if the final destination is outdoors. For example, when checking into any of the golf courses or pools, wear your mask until you are outside.
- Masks should not be used while swimming. For outdoor pools, masks are optional when on the deck. For the indoor pool areas, masks should be worn when sitting or lounging on the deck. Ideally, members will go in, swim, and leave the indoor pool areas.
- Masks are required in all club spaces. This includes our exercise and dance classes. Additionally, club members must keep a 6-foot distance between themselves and others. Per the Association's phased reopening, several clubs have the ability to reopen as of today. Many of these clubs have chosen not to reopen, and we respect that decision. Those that choose to open must abide by the mask and spacing protocols.

- The Village Store will require masks inside and will limit visitors to 8-10 at a time. The Fall Fair has been canceled.
- Beardsley Pool and Fitness Center will remain closed until further notice.

Members who violate the mask policy will be tracked by the Administrative Offices and will receive a warning the first time they refuse to wear a mask. A second violation may result in suspension of privileges. Harassing staff, particularly those on the front line, will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) reported 1,014 new cases and 8 deaths today. Monday is one of the lowest reporting days for Covid-19, with cases typically much higher by Wednesday. Sun City West's 85375 zip code is showing 74 active cases; it is unclear from the state data if deaths are deducted from that number. The state also reports that 18 percent of the available ICU beds are available in Arizona.

[Maricopa County](#) and the [CDC](#) promote the effectiveness of properly worn masks in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

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