

Reopening FAQs



Why are you reopening now?

- Gov. Doug Ducey on March 11 issued Executive Order 2021-05, rescinding a previous executive order that placed capacity limits on businesses, including gyms, fitness centers and indoor aquatics facilities. The March 11 order requires businesses to continue following social distancing and other CDC recommendations.

Our decision to reopen to members and guests was based on these criteria:

- Declining case numbers in SCW's zip code.
- Increased vaccination numbers in SCW's zip code.
- Encouraging trends in the Business Dashboard metrics provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services, which dropped us from a "substantial" to "moderate" and then "minimal" range in at least one of the three measurements.
- Lifting of the capacity restrictions by Gov. Ducey.

Why are masks still required?

- The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors issued a mask mandate on June 19, 2020. This mandate remains in effect and requires people to wear face coverings that fully cover the nose and mouth, consistent with the CDC guidance.

What does the CDC say about masks?

- The CDC on March 8 issued its first set of recommendations for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This guidance states fully vaccinated people (meaning it has been at least two weeks since their second vaccination shot) can:
 - Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart.
 - Visit with unvaccinated people from one other household indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart if everyone else in the other household is at low risk for severe disease.

Why doesn't the Rec Centers require proof of vaccination and allow only vaccinated people to work in or use the facilities and eliminate the mask mandate?

- The mask mandate is in effect per Maricopa County, as stated above.
- Requiring proof of vaccination raises privacy issues, for both employees and residents. Additionally, some individuals cannot get the vaccine due to medical conditions.
- Even if these hurdles did not exist, the Rec Centers is not in favor of requiring our front-line staff to ask for this personal information or to enforce non-entry if someone is unable to provide proof.