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PRESS RELEASE

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COVID update: With Delta variant on the rise in AZ, SCW Rec Centers encouraging masks

The Recreation Centers of Sun City West's COVID Task Force continues to track the rise in COVID cases throughout Arizona, including the now-dominant Delta variant.

At this time, the Rec Centers is not instituting any changes to its mask or guest policies. Staff will continue sanitization measures in all facilities. Guests are welcome.

Masks will continue to be optional, but are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals while indoors. This is consistent with recommendations from the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services during times of substantial or high transmission.

According to Maricopa County, Sun City West's zip code (85375) is seeing substantial transmission, with an estimated 30.86 cases per 100,000 people, or a positivity rate of 8.62 percent, as of Aug. 4. That is down from the previous week, when the numbers were 51.43 cases per 100,000 and 10.29 percent.

"We can expect the numbers to fluctuate, and in all likelihood, they will rise in this zip code just as they are throughout the state in the coming month," said General Manager Bill Schwind. "We are fortunate to have a high vaccination rate, and we are confident our members will take the precautions that make sense for them as individuals. We highly encourage mask wearing, but we are not requiring it at this time."

According to the Arizona Department of Health Services' numbers, Sun City West has an approximately 83 percent vaccination rate.

Chartered Club officers are reminded that they must report any positive cases within their clubs to the Association within 24 hours. Staff will deep clean affected areas, on top of regular sanitizing protocols.

Members are encouraged to sign up for enews (suncitywest.com/enews) and check suncitywest.com for the latest updates.