



January 1, 2022

RE: UPDATE REGARDING CCDPH VACCINATION ORDER – PLEASE READ

Dear Lemont Park District Community,

On the evening of December 31, 2021, the Lemont Park District received a notification from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) regarding the Order requiring proof of vaccination due to take effect Monday, January 3, 2022. This update is in response to requests for clarification related to youth athletics and recreation. In a media statement released late on December 31st by the CCDPH, clarifying language was released stating the below will also be exempt from the Order:

- An individual 18 years of age or younger who enters a business subject to this Order to participate in an activity sponsored by a school, park district, childcare or after-school program, or other organizations as defined in guidance by the Cook County Department of Public Health
- Youth or adults participating in special recreation programs
- Spectators of indoor sporting events provided that no food or drink is being served and that they remain masked at all times.

Please note, this most recent mandate still entails that the Lemont Park District require proof of vaccine for all CORE Members over the age of 18 years old. **However, no longer does it require participants 5-18 years old to require proof of vaccinations.** This order is due to be updated on Monday, January 3, 2022.

We understand how stressful and confusing this time has been for our community. Although this has been out of the District's control, we truly apologize for how this has affected our residents. We strive to provide the very best in recreational services and opportunities for all. The abrupt announcement of this mandatory county Order, paired with its inconsistencies, has put our organization in an incredibly difficult place as it hinders District staff from doing what we do best, serving our residents.

Here is an UPDATED operational summary as to it relates to this revised Order which will take place on **January 3rd, 2022:**

➤ **CORE Members Options –**

1. **Show Proof of Vaccinations** – Members over the 18 years old must show proof of vaccination at The CORE Service Desk and staff will record seeing the proof digitally within the registration system. Members then can continue to enjoy the facility.



2. **Cancel Membership** – all CORE Members that decide to cancel their membership will NOT pay an enrollment fee upon rejoining. Due to these extenuating circumstances, billing will not take place until January 11th. Therefore, you have until January 10th to cancel! [Click Here to Cancel](#)
- **CORE Daily Fee Visitors** – Drop-in Pickleball players, lap swimmers, track visitors, open gym participants, and any other visitors **over the age of 18 years old**, paying a CORE Daily Fee must show proof of vaccinations upon entry.
 - **CORE Indoor Track** – Anyone **over the age of 18 years old** visiting the Indoor Track must show proof of vaccinations upon entry at The CORE Service Desk. Staff will record seeing the proof digitally within the registration system.
 - **Exceptions** – *The following circumstances do not require proof of vaccine currently:*
 1. Participants 18 years and under participating in any park district program.
 2. Medical Exemption – Those seeking medical exemption of showing proof of vaccinations must show proof of exemption by a medical provider AND show proof of a Negative COVID test within 24 hours of entering the facility. Both requirements are mandatory for medical exemption.
 3. Patrons visiting the facilities for **ten minutes or less** will not be required to show proof of vaccination such as preschool drop off or in-person registration.
 4. Parents, guardians, or spectators of park district programs.
 5. All adults over the age of 18 that are NOT participating in health/fitness/exercise activities and that are NOT being served food or drink.

THE ORDER REFLECTS THAT PROOF OF A NEGATIVE TEST WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF PROOF OF VACCINATION. And there is no exemption for religious affiliation.

Please note, acceptable “**proof of vaccination**” per this order are as follows: (1) a CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card; (2) an official immunization record from the jurisdiction where each vaccination shot was administered; (3) an “app” that provides a digital record of vaccination; or (4) a digital or physical photo that includes the individual’s name, the vaccine brand administered, and the date(s) of vaccine administration. A valid photo ID must also be presented. Fully vaccinated is classified as two weeks after the 2nd dose is received.

Once again, we understand the magnitude of this mandate and respect the individual outlook of each member of our community. We will continue to work diligently to serve you and closely monitor this ongoing, constantly changing situation. **For those who choose not to get vaccinated, you may cancel your membership at any time and rejoin with NO ENROLLMENT FEE once this Order is lifted.** Also, please remember THE INDOOR

STATE-WIDE MASK
STILL IN AFFECT.
face covering in all
district facilities.



MANDATE IS
Please wear a
indoor park

In closing, please remember that the park district is a governmental agency which must comply to county orders such as this to maintain insurance coverage as well as operating license. For any dissatisfaction regarding this Order, please contact the CCDPH directly at healthycook@cookcountyhhs.org. Your feedback, along with ours, truly assists in creating change as outlined in this update that the CCDPH brought forward in the last 24 hours.

Wishing you all a safe and happy 2022!

Sincerely,

The Lemont Park District Staff