



COVID –19 POLICY

As we prepare for the launch of the year while leading from a safety-first perspective, we anticipate many things to look different. In addition, to the physical changes, our behind-the-scenes process will also be different as it pertains to expectations for our partners.

Per [Executive Order 225](#) all entities must ensure that any and all person(s) who enter The Major Owen Community Center will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

We look forward to getting to a place where these measures aren't necessary, however, it is always our priority to create a safe space for both our participants, members, and staff.

Vaccination Policy

This policy requires all persons (full-time, temporary, and part-time employees, interns, volunteers, patrons, and contractors) accessing The Major Owens Community Center in-person to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, with limited exception.

- The Major Owens Community Center and their tenants shall not permit an individual to enter the premises without displaying proof of vaccination, and identification bearing the same identifying information as the proof of vaccination in accordance with [Executive Order 225](#) issued by the City of NY.
- The Major Owens Community Center will not permit a patron, employee, intern, volunteer, or contractor to enter it premises without displaying proof of receiving at least one (1) dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and identification bearing the same identifying information as the proof of vaccination.
- Individuals entering for a quick and limited purpose are not required to be vaccinated, but must wear a mask and abide by the 6-foot social distancing rule while in the facility (**for example delivering an order or a person(s) performing necessary repairs**).

- As of **August 17, people 12 years and older** are required to show proof they have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine for:
 - **Indoor fitness**
 - **Indoor entertainment**
- Per the [Executive Order 225](#) all **person(s)/patrons using an in-door facility**, including the Major Owen Community Center, **are required to be vaccinated** to enter the premises.

Proof of Vaccinations

- [CDC Vaccination Card](#). A photo or photocopy of this card is also acceptable.
- [NYC Vaccination Record](#) or other official immunization record from within or outside the U.S., including from your health care provider. A photo or photocopy of this card is also acceptable. If you are unable to get this record, **call 311**.
- **NYC COVID Safe App**: [Android](#) | [iOS](#). You can upload to this app a photo of your CDC vaccination card or other official record, along with your photo ID.
- [Excelsior Pass](#) (or Excelsior Pass Plus). To use this app, you will need the phone number or email address associated with your NYC vaccination record. If you are unable to use this app, try one of the other options listed above.

Acceptable Identification

- Driver's License
- Government ID Cards
- IDNYC card
- Passport
- School ID
- Work ID

COVID-19 Mask Policy

All persons who access the Major Owens Community Center, must comply with BCNY's COVID safety precautions by:

- Being screened for COVID-19 symptoms and exposures through daily temperature checks.
- Wearing a mask while on-site in common/shared spaces; **See exceptions below**
 - The Major Owens Community Center will at all times have an adequate supply of disposable face coverings should a person forget their mask.

Screening Personnel

- Personnel performing daily screening activities will be trained by ARMORY certified individuals who are familiar with CDC, DOH, and OSHA protocols. Screeners will be provided and use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which includes, but is not limited to, a NYS-DOH approved mask, disposable single use latex gloves, and a face shield.

Exceptions – Participants Participating in Recreational Activities

Below are the only times that there is an exception to the mask mandate rule:

- When actively participating in recreational activities in the gymnasium and/or swimming pool.
- Individuals are required to maintain physical distancing measures of 6-feet between people, and wear masks when not actively participating in recreational activities.

Additional Circumstances and Exceptions

Members and employees may remove their face covering during meals and for short breaks as long as they maintain appropriate physical distance.

- **A nonresident** performing artist not regularly employed by the covered entity while they are in a covered premises for purposes of performing;
- **A nonresident professional athlete/sports team** who enters a covered premises as part of their regular employment for purposes of competing.
 - **Acceptable face coverings include cloth-based face coverings (i.e., homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana), N-95 or KN-95 respirators, and surgical masks that cover both the nose and mouth.**
 - **If choosing to wear a face shield, it must be worn in addition to a face covering. Face shields alone are not considered adequate protection against COVID-19.**
 - Reporting any participant's COVID-19 exposure, symptoms, or positive test results immediately.

Allowable Exemption Categories

- **Online or Fully Remote Exemption.** Staff members, volunteers, temporary employees who are fully remote may be exempted from this vaccine requirement. For this exemption to apply, the person must have no physical presence at the Major Owens Community Center nor reasonably anticipate using any services physically on the premises.

If you have any additional questions, please contact mahmoud.fleary@bcny.org.