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JCC of Greater Pittsburgh Announces New Covid-19 Vaccine Requirement

Effective October 18, 2021, staff, members, and guests will be required to provide proof of vaccination to enter any and all Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh facilities. This policy was unanimously approved by the JCC Board of Directors last week. This timeline allows currently unvaccinated individuals to receive the required number of vaccine doses and the additional two weeks for individuals to build immunity before the policy is fully implemented.

“We serve a diverse segment of our community from infants to older adults. Our responsibility is to help maintain and protect the health and wellness of all who walk through our doors.”

— Jason Kunzman, Chief Program Officer, JCC Pittsburgh

The JCC has looked to CDC guidance throughout the pandemic to make crucial health and safety decisions from pivoting to virtual programming, to reopening with new safety guidelines, to encouraging and then requiring masks at its facilities. Each operational component to the JCC’s multi-phased reopening has been rigorously pressure tested by the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative, a nationally recognized expert in quality improvement in healthcare and community settings. The agency’s decisions have been supported by local medical and health officials.

“The JCC has applied best practices throughout the entire pandemic. The rigor of the JCC’s approach is well supported by the findings and recommendations of national and local health authorities. The JCC is to be commended in its steadfast approach to following the science and prioritizing public health. Care for our neighbors and for each other’s safety is so critical during these challenging times.”

— Dr. Elizabeth Miller, Director, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, UPMC Children’s Hospital Pittsburgh

“The community is in awe of the careful and attentive navigation of this frightening pandemic by the JCC. With the safety of participants and staff always in mind, the JCC has successfully served many critical needs from early childhood to virtual learning hubs, to camping, to meals for seniors, to exercise for all. We respect their good judgement and their values.”

—Karen Wolk Feinstein, President and CEO, Jewish Healthcare Foundation

The JCC is partnering with the Squirrel Hill Health Center in making vaccinations and PCR tests available for all staff prior to the October 18th deadline.

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh

Celebrating 126 years as a community asset, the JCC of Greater Pittsburgh is one of the largest human services, recreational and educational organizations in the region providing programs and services for infants to seniors. The JCC is open and accessible to everyone, regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or special need, welcoming individuals of all backgrounds under our communal tent.

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