



UPDATED COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidance

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Purpose: To educate Rotary Clubs in District 7390 on the most recent COVID-19 updates issued by Governor Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the CDC. Effective June 28, 2021, the order requiring universal face coverings is lifted in Pennsylvania. According to Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam, even though the order is lifted, businesses, organizations, and other entities may maintain the option of requiring employees, guests, or customers to wear a mask, regardless of their vaccination status. The CDC requires mask wearing on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs, such as airports and stations. In addition, all individuals should still follow guidance at workplaces, local businesses, long-term care facilities, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, prisons, and shelters.

The Department also urges that for the protection of themselves and others, individuals who have not yet been vaccinated or are partially vaccinated are still encouraged to wear a mask when in public.

Individuals are reminded that public health measures such as isolation and quarantine are still necessary to prevent the spread of infection particularly since the new delta variant is now present in Pennsylvania and more transmissible than the original virus. Individuals who are sick should stay at home and consider COVID-19 testing. Individuals who are identified as close contacts of a person with COVID-19 should cooperate with all public health recommendations, including quarantine, so that if they become infected, they will not spread infection to others.

Club Considerations: As noted in a previous communication, some Rotarians, even vaccinated ones, may still be reluctant to attend in-person events where there are individuals not wearing masks for a variety of reasons. Based on these factors, it will remain important for the leadership of each club to consider how best to include ALL members in activities including those that some members are unable or unwilling to participate in. Ideas include:

- Hosting both virtual and In-person meetings.
- Offering outdoor activities whenever possible.
- Promoting an environment of acceptance for anyone who wishes to wear a mask for any reason.
- Keeping hand sanitizer gel present.

Rotary International encourages all Rotarians to advocate for vaccinations to combat COVID-19 and its variants. Learn more at: [Rotary responds to COVID-19 | Rotary International](#)

Questions or Concerns?

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