



June 18, 2021



Greetings Gateway SRA Community,

In response to the updated guidance for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Executive Order released by Governor Pritzker, Gateway SRA is updating its in-person program guidelines and eligibility requirements. As well as mask requirements and social distancing for individuals participating in Gateway SRA as related to the COVID19 pandemic. With these changes taking place a majority of Gateway SRA in-person programs are at capacity based on available staff and facility availability. A waitlist has been created for certain programs and registrations will be processed in the order it was received.

The option to not wear a face mask by participants who are fully vaccinated is based on the honor system. Gateway SRA will not be requesting vaccination status of participants or team members. Gateway SRA and Ray Graham Association are not permitted to disclose the status of team member vaccination records. All team members will be required to wear a face covering for all indoor programs. By entering a Gateway SRA member park district facility, community event, program or service without a face mask you are verifying that you have been fully vaccinated.

Beginning Wednesday, June 16 the following protocols will be in place for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, families, caregivers, spectators, volunteers and team members.

- Outdoor activities for individuals ages 12 and over who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a face covering.
- Indoor activities for individuals ages 12 and over who have been fully vaccinated do not need to wear a face covering.
There a few exceptions noted below
- Individuals ages 12 and under must continue wearing a face covering while indoor. Team members working with people under the age of 12 will also be required to wear a face covering. Mask "breaks" will be granted while people under the age of 12 are outdoor and can maintain socially distant.
- Individuals over the age of 12 who have chosen not to be vaccinated will be required to wear a face covering in all indoor programs. Outdoors, face coverings must be worn when social distancing in not possible.
- Regardless or vaccination status, please refrain from attending programs if you have been exposed to or showing signs or symptoms of COVID19, including fever chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

Exceptions:

- Face coverings are required for all individuals and team members inside **Ray Graham Association buildings**. This includes **Hanson Center Mize Hall** and **Elmhurst Community Learning Center**.
- Face coverings are required on all Gateway SRA vehicles and other forms of enclosed transportation.
- Face coverings and protective equipment will be required for all personal care for individuals and care givers.
- Gateway SRA will follow guidelines of all facilities utilized for programs and services.
- Face covering guidelines set forth by Special Olympic Illinois for athletes, coaches and spectators

Gateway SRA reserves the right to ask individuals to wear a face covering during SRA programs and services.

ALWAYS HAVE A FACE COVERING WITH YOU IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NEEDED.

We want to thank everyone for their patience while we continue to navigate through the ever changing guidelines set forth by local health authorities. We understand that this year and a half has been full of ups and downs for everyone, and while we are excited to be returning to more programs each week we want to make sure we are doing so in a safe manner for all. We know that some of these guidelines and expectations will still not fully meet the needs of everyone that Gateway SRA supports, but together we are working towards 100% fully operational status. Please continue to communicate with us your comments and concerns.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the recreation team.

Thank you for your continued support of Gateway SRA.

Best Regards,

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