

## **Summer 2022 Norwell Recreation COVID-19/Mask Wearing Guidelines Effective 6/29/22**

The Norwell Recreation Department continues to offer programming and events and requests participants, parents, staff, and other visitors comply with the following guidelines to promote the safety, health, and well-being of all.

Masks are NOT REQUIRED when participating in OUTDOOR Norwell Recreation programs. Current State of Massachusetts requirements are available at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements#current-mask-order->. Masks are OPTIONAL for all Norwell Recreation participants, parents, staff, and visitors. Masks are also OPTIONAL when using bus transportation for a Norwell Recreation program. Individuals choosing to wear masks will continue to be supported in their decision.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has adopted the [CDC Guidelines regarding Quarantine & Isolation](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-children-in-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings). These guidelines are also available at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-children-in-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings>. In summary they are as follows:

**All Participants, Parents and Staff are still asked to stay home, isolate and test for COVID-19 if they are symptomatic. COVID-19 symptoms are as follows:** Fever (100.0 or higher), Chills, Difficulty Breathing, Shortness of Breath, Loss of Taste/Smell, Muscle/Body Aches, Cough. Other symptoms to be concerned in combination with other symptoms include Sore throat, Nausea, Headache, Fatigue and Nasal Congestion.

ASYMPTOMATIC exposed participants, regardless of where the exposure occurred, are NOT REQUIRED to quarantine. Participants who are identified as close contacts may continue to attend programming if they REMAIN ASYMPTOMATIC. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10. A test on Days 2 and 5 is recommended.

SYMPTOMATIC participants should be sent home and tested immediately. Participants will be allowed to return to the program if they test negative or they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms are resolving, or if a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis. A negative test is strongly recommended for return if the latter two conditions are met.

Participants who test POSITIVE must isolate and not attend Norwell Recreation programs for at least 5 days. Participants who are ASYMPTOMATIC and have been fever free for 24 hours may return to programming after Day 5, provided the participant can mask through Day 10 or can provide proof of a negative test on Day 5 or later to return to programming prior to Day 11.

**Please contact the Norwell Recreation Department at (781) 659-8046 or [recreation@townofnorwell.net](mailto:recreation@townofnorwell.net) with any questions or if you would like to request a withdrawal/refund from your program.**