



Safety Protocol During High Transmission of COVID-19 in Hancock County

Why are we doing this now? We are doing this due to higher transmission of COVID-19 in Hancock County, and due to the increase of cases for people coming to 50 North, and due to the holiday season where people will gather in larger groups with family and friends, and the cold weather where people are inside more.

When can we stop wearing masks? At least 10 days following the New Year holiday, or when there is low transmission of COVID-19 in Hancock County.

We are happy people are back AND we want to keep it that way! It is critical that all of us: Members, Staff, Volunteers, Board Members and Guests, work together to minimize the risks of spreading the coronavirus. Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, are at higher risk for developing more serious complications from the COVID-19 virus and its variants.

To aid in the quest we require that all members adhere to the following:

- All people entering 50 North are required to wear a mask. If a person refuses to wear a mask, they will not be permitted to remain in the building.
- All people entering 50 North must answer honestly the screening question on “My Senior Center” and sign that they do not have any symptoms listed. Remember, cold symptoms are symptoms of COVID-19 as well.
- All people must enter and leave the center at the designated doors.

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- All people utilizing 50 North must make every effort to stay 6 feet apart, at all times.
- The only time people can take off their mask, is if they are actively exercising, drinking or eating. When they are done with these activities, a mask needs to be worn.
- 50 North will be limiting activities to allow for 6 feet distancing. The number of people allowed to participate in an activity will be dependent on the size of the room following current Social Distancing Guidelines.

General Guidelines

Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Washing

- All people entering 50 North are required to wear a mask. If a person refuses to wear a mask they will not be permitted to remain in the building.
- Continue to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others. **The mask is not a substitute for physical distancing.**
- You can have COVID-19 and spread it to others, even if you do not feel sick. Masks offer protection to you and also protect those around you.
- Wear a mask that covers your mouth, nose, and chin. Masks with a vent and shields are not permitted.
- Wear a mask, even after you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Wear a mask, even after you've received the booster against COVID-19.
- People who are fully vaccinated can still get COVID-19. An infection of a fully vaccinated person is referred to as a "Vaccine breakthrough infection."
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place/common area, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Touchless Hand Sanitizer machines are available for use at 50 North. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.