

The Cook County Department of Public Health issued Order No. 2021-11 that went into effect, January 3, 2022. In order to comply with this order, the Alsip Park District will implement the following protocols effective January 3, 2022

Any person 5 and older visiting the BACKNINE at the Fountain Hills Golf Club, or visiting the Apollo Recreation Center to utilize the Fitness Center, Women's Circuit Center, Gymnasiums** (see youth exemption below) or Group Fitness Class will be required to show proof of full vaccination. Individuals 16 and older will also be required to show a valid photo ID. A medical exemption includes individuals who have previously received a medical exemption, as long as proof of the medical exemption and a COVID-19 test administered by a medical professional within the last 24 hours prior to entering a business covered by the Order are provided to the business upon entry. Please make sure to have your vaccination verification with you when you enter these facilities.

Staff at the Apollo Recreation Center will be using passholder and class rosters to track verification of vaccination. Those lists will be transferred into the recreation registration system.

**Per the exemption that the Cook County Department of Public Health Issued on December 31, 2021, the vaccine mandate does not apply to participants 18 years of age or younger entering the Apollo Recreation Center for youth athletics, open gym or recreation programs including our preschool and before and after school program. In addition, the order exempts spectators of youth sports from having to show proof of vaccination.

Private rentals at the Fountain Hills Golf Club and the Apollo Recreation Center, where food and beverage are served or for fitness related activities, as part of your signed rental agreement, you will be required to agree to identify the vaccination status of your guests. The facility Renter is responsible for maintaining a list of all attendees, along with verification of vaccination status, and will provide to the Alsip Park District upon request.

Please note, the Cook County Order does not grant an exemption for religious objections to vaccination but does grant an exemption for those who are medically unable to receive vaccination IF they (1) show proof of a negative COVID test within 24 hours of visiting the facility.

For all users of any Alsip Park District facility, the following mitigations are still in effect:

Any person age two or older is required to wear a mask when indoors (regardless of vaccination status).

Physical distancing of six feet or more is recommended when possible.

Please be patient with our staff and allow extra time when you visit as we work to implement the mandates required by the Cook County Department of Public Health.

If you have any questions on the Cook County Mandate please contact the Cook County Department of Public Health, 7556 West Jackson BLVD, Forest Park, IL 60130; 708-836-8600; cookcountypublichealth.org

We appreciate your patience and support as we want nothing more than to safely and properly serve our community. The safety of our participants and staff are important to us.