

ACAP UPDATE 07-16-21

Dear ACAP Community,

We are happy to announce that ACAP will officially lift its mask requirement for onsite attendance effective Monday, July 19, 2021!

Here are key elements of our new safety protocols:

- Fully vaccinated members* are not required to wear masks but may continue to do so. Because the CDC still recommends masking indoors, social distancing, and other safety measures for unvaccinated people, we also strongly recommend the same. However, we will proceed on the honor system; we will not be checking to make sure unvaccinated members are masked. *We ask that everyone be respectful of those who wear masks and refrain from asking why.*
- ACAP staff and volunteers who are not vaccinated are required to wear masks while engaging in ACAP-related activities. Some vaccinated staff may choose to wear masks while at work. *Again, we ask that people respectfully refrain from asking why.*
- Social distancing is appreciated but not required. We request respect for each other's space and comfort levels regarding this.
- We will no longer take temperatures at the door. However, we will continue our practice of drivers dropping off members at the door with staff escorting members from the door to classes. Doors will remain locked before and after pick-up/drop-off times.
- We will again allow the use of microwaves and refrigerators for hot and cold lunches. However, we will not be returning to cooking classes at ACAP quite yet, except for the safe preparation of meals for other organizations for which we volunteer.
- We have already returned to limited van use and community-based programming. Any members who do not wish to be included in these activities because of safety concerns should let their ACAP coordinator know.
- We have already dropped the requirement for mask wearing outdoors for all members, regardless of vaccination status.

* To be considered fully vaccinated, a person must have had their second vaccination two weeks prior to the date.

** Immuno-compromised members are encouraged to check with their doctors before returning to onsite programming.

We are very grateful to our community for the strong support and patience as we have navigated all the changes wrought by COVID-19 up to this point. We are pleased to be moving towards more open operations, but we do caution everyone that the pandemic continues to have impact on our country. With the Delta Variant on the rise in the U.S., we will continue to monitor the policies and recommendations of the CDC and Waukesha Health Department.



ACAP-tivating Event!

Money is starting to come in for our July fundraiser, and we've raised more than \$3,000 towards our goal of \$25,000 through the month of July. If you've already donated, THANK YOU! Your donation is helping us bridge the gap in this rebuilding year. If you haven't yet donated, consider ACAP's value in your life and invite your family, friends, and colleagues to support us as well. Here are ways you can donate:

- You can still sign up your own fundraising team here: [Team Sign-Up](#). We ask each team to try to raise \$500 by the end of July, but all donations of any size help us out!
- You can support your favorite ACAP team by going to our website: [ACAP-tivating Event!](#) Scroll down until you find your favorite team and make a donation right on the page.
- Our event web page also has links to other ways to support us, such as our **Online Silent Auction!** Hit the "Online Auction Here" button and shop some great items, including **4 Brewers tickets valued at \$457!**
- You are always welcome to just make a donation – there is a "team" for general donations and sponsorships. Small gifts add up!

Member Vaccinations

ACAP **strongly encourages** all members to seek and get COVID vaccinations ([Information about getting vaccines](#)). The CDC reports a number of COVID variants are of concern in the United States and continues to recommend that everyone get vaccinated.

Other reasons to get the vaccine include:

- Creating an environment of safety at ACAP.
 - ACAP serves many people with vulnerable health. An environment where most people have been vaccinated will make the likelihood of transmission at ACAP very low.
- Preventing the spread of the virus to others.
 - The vaccination clearly protects the person getting it, but because of the way COVID spreads, having more people vaccinated also protects people who don't get vaccinated: [How vaccines protect others](#)

We encourage anyone with concerns about the vaccine to seek guidance from a medical professional or to learn more from the Centers for Disease Control:

[Benefits of getting a COVID vaccination](#); [6 things to know about COVID vaccinations](#); [Vaccine facts](#)

Sincerely,

Sandra Gines, Executive Director

Rick Verthein, President, Board of Directors