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## Updates to Winpisinger Center Covid Protocols

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In order to be able to reopen and operate in a manner that assured the health and safety of members and employees at the Winpisinger Center, multiple covid-related protocols were put in place at the Winpisinger Center in 2021. As the pandemic has evolved and conditions have improved, it has been possible to roll back some of those protocols. For example, while program capacity was initially limited to maximize social distancing, Winpisinger Center programs have been operating at or near full capacity since mid-2022. Likewise, the initial protocol that allowed no guests to accompany members to W3 programs was modified in early 2022 to allow one guest.

With the continued advancement of covid vaccines and therapeutics reducing the risk of serious illness, hospitalization, and death, the IAM believes that it will be possible to relax another critical protocol that has been in place since the Winpisinger Center reopened – the vaccination requirement. Provided that current conditions do not substantially change, the requirement that all members and other persons attending in-person programs at the Winpisinger provide proof that they have been fully vaccinated against covid will be lifted beginning December 1, 2022.

The health and safety of members attending programs and working at the Winpisinger Center remain an absolute priority. Other covid protocols will continue subject to regular review and modification as conditions warrant. These remaining protocols include but are not limited to regular cleaning and sanitation, use of masks in public areas, a limitation on the number of guests, and observation of CDC guidance for isolation upon becoming symptomatic or testing positive for covid.

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