

Austin Yacht Club Covid-19 Facilities Use Policy

2022 Austin Yacht Club Board

2022 Coronavirus Advisory Committee

February 2022

2022 Covid-19 Review Committee

- Committee Members
 - Bob Gross – Race Commander
 - Jeff Sabuda – Buildings & Grounds Chairman
 - Russ Shermer – Vice Commodore

The committee reviewed current AYC Covid-19 protocols with a number of Covid-19 subject matter experts and former commodores at AYC. We also reviewed the latest government guidance and regulations.

Based on our review the Covid-19 review committee is recommending that the Board open all AYC facilities with the following guidance:

1. Hold official club activities outside when possible.
2. Make available sanitizing wipes, disposable face masks, and hand sanitizer for members entering AYC facilities.
3. It is the responsibility of the board to ensure the safety of the club through policy and guidelines and must decide on facility usage.

2022 Objectives and Key Assumptions

- AYC follows the latest practices of government and business, I.E., relaxing Covid-19 restrictions, while remaining cognizant of the high infection rates of new Covid-19 variants, based on the following two factors:
 - The widespread availability of Covid-19 vaccinations.
 - The significantly reduced hospitalization and mortality rates among fully vaccinated people and the reduced impact of symptoms of the latest Covid-19 variants
- People feel an inherent need to be at the club and engage in social activities. It is vital to our mental health and the health of our organization. We should manage club activities to be outdoors when practical but should not prevent members from enjoying any AYC facility.
- It is the responsibility of each person to decide which activities fall within their tolerance of risk and engage in club activities or facility use accordingly. We asked that if members feel excluded by this policy, that they contact the board for further discussion.
- Continuous Improvement Identify opportunities to maximize safe usage of all club facilities.
- Plan for events with the lowest possibility of Covid-19 transmission in mind.
 - Maximize use of outdoor space
 - Increase frequency of cleaning indoor space
 - Make cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes), disposable face masks, and hand sanitizer available to members entering facilities.
- All Members will follow the Good Neighbor Policy. All individuals will comply with the guidelines to reduce the opportunity of exposure for our low and high-risk members and guests. The AYC membership self-manages.
- AYC follows the CDC Guidelines for Disinfection & Sanitizing Key areas identified – High Contact Areas, Cabins, Bathrooms, Sail Training and RC Boats, Cabins, Common Areas, Porta Potty
- All Decisions are Subject to Change as we all learn more, expect that the plan will change accordingly.
- AYC uses the Austin/Travis County Covid-19 Risk-based-guidelines and follows the Austin declaration of stage.
<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/covid-19-risk-based-guidelines>.

Risk-Based Chart — Vaccinated

* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency’s policy.



	Gatherings With People Outside Your Household*				Travel*		Dining*		Shopping*	
	Indoor		Outdoor							
	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk
Stage 1										
Stage 2										
Stage 3										
Stage 4										
Stage 5						Only if essential	 Indoors +	 Outdoors		Takeaway/ Curbside



Mask optional, continue washing hands and other hygiene precautions



Not recommended at all, with or without masks



Take prevention measures: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance following CDC guidelines



Places that require vaccines and masks may pose a lower risk.



Risk-Based Chart — Partly Vaccinated or Unvaccinated

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	Gatherings With People Outside Your Household*		Travel*	Dining*	Shopping*
	Indoor	Outdoor			
Stage 1					
Stage 2					
Stage 3	 If high risk avoid unless essential	 If high risk avoid unless essential	 If high risk avoid unless essential	 If high risk avoid unless essential	 If high risk avoid unless essential
Stage 4			Only if essential	Takeaway/ Curbside	Only if essential
Stage 5				Takeaway/ Curbside	Takeaway/ Curbside



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2022 Policy

- Official AYC activities, such as those that have been approved by the AYC Board, will follow the Austin/Travis county guidelines.
- At other times, the facilities will remain open for general use.
- It is the responsibility of each person to decide which activities fall within their tolerance of risk and engage in club activities or facility use accordingly.
- High Risk Individuals should wear masks and avoid entering AYC facilities.
- Members should be respectful of differing Covid-19 practices and should wear a mask or practice safe social distancing when requested.
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