

Participation in group activities carries a risk of exposure to the SARS CoV-2 virus, which is the cause of COVID-19 illness. The chances of infection are greatly reduced among vaccinated people, however, and serious illness is rare among those vaccinated. Other measures, including masking, social distancing, and screening tests, also help to reduce the risk of transmission. To minimize the possibility of exposure and transmission at club activities, Suburban Ski Club, Inc. has implemented the following COVID-19 policy.

1. In order to participate in any SSC event, a member will need to provide proof of being fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated may instead provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result obtained within 72 hours prior to the event.
2. For events or portions of events that are indoors, masks will be required for any member who is not fully vaccinated but has provided a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to the event. Masks are optional but recommended for any member who is fully vaccinated.
3. During bus rides for either day trips or week-long trips, masks will be required for all members.
4. Mask wearing will not be required during indoor dining or other indoor activities during which mask wearing is not possible.
5. Any member, vaccinated or not, who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or similar illness should avoid attending any SSC function.
6. Proof of vaccination need only be provided once. Vaccination status will be recorded in the member's online profile, which can be viewed only by the member, the president and the vice president for data management. In order to respect members' privacy, vaccination and negative test results will only be supplied to the trip or event leader, who will keep this information confidential.
7. Proof of vaccination can be provided by presenting a vaccination certificate before entering a club event, or by sending a copy of the certificate by mail or email to Cliff Lewis, 3269 Altamont Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org. Submissions will be used to record vaccination status, and will not be retained afterward.
8. Those members who choose to take a COVID-19 test instead of being vaccinated risk being excluded from an activity or trip if the test result is positive or if the result is not reported in a timely manner. Because the result must be obtained only a few days before an event, Suburban Ski Club may not be able to cancel reservations on such short notice or return the full amount of the member's investment in an activity. Funds will be returned to members to the extent that Suburban Ski Club is able to recover them, in keeping with our cancellation policy.
9. Even with these policies in place, we cannot rule out the possibility of exposure to an infected or unvaccinated person at a club event. Members assume the risk of exposure while participating in club activities.
10. The SSC's COVID-19 policy, as adopted and approved by the SSC Executive Board, will be integrated into SSC contracts for bus and extended ski trips, and other SSC events, for the 2021-22 membership year. Anyone who has already signed up for a ski trip or event who does not agree to abide by this policy must notify the trip or event leader at once so that we can cancel any pending reservations. A refund of amounts paid to SSC for the event or trip will be provided to the extent that we can recover those expenses, in keeping with SSC's cancellation policy.
11. As COVID-19 conditions change, for better or worse, this policy is subject to modification.

Approved by the Executive Board October 9, 2021