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Gym Inspection Information

The Governor has announced gyms may re-open as early as August 24, 2020 and must schedule and inspection/site visit within 14 days of opening. The state guidance

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Gyms_and_Fitness_Centers_Detailed_Guidelines.pdf takes effect on Monday, August 24, 2020 for gyms and fitness centers in all regions of New York. This interim guidance is subject to change as the State will be closely working with local health departments during the initial reopening as a pilot phase to monitor compliance of owners/operators of gyms and fitness centers with this guidance, including inspections, and assess the public health conditions associated with gym and fitness center reopening, including any changes in COVID-19 transmission.

Gyms and fitness facilities must follow the NYS guidelines that are subject to inspection are defined by NYSDOH as follows: **“These guidelines apply to fitness activities and facilities, including, but not limited, to standalone, hotel, residential, and office gyms and fitness centers, gyms and fitness centers in higher education institutions, yoga/Pilates/barre studios, boxing/kickboxing gyms, fitness boot camps, CrossFit or other plyometric boxes, and other group fitness classes (e.g., spin, rowing, dancing). Residential and hotel gyms and fitness centers must have staff available to ensure compliance with this guidance.”**

Gyms must have a staff member present during **ALL** hours of operation to assure appropriate screening protocols occur, masks are worn, adhere to limited occupancy guidance, and the appropriate cleaning is done.

24/7 access to gym facilities with no staff member present is NOT allowed.

Delaware County Public Health has designated Delaware County Planning Department to assist with inspections. Delaware County Public Health will be providing technical assistance and reviewing all plans.

Gyms and fitness facilities as defined above should take the following actions:

1. Gyms must attest that they have signed the NYS Affirmation related to the Gyms and Fitness Centers Guidelines.
2. Facilities must call 607-832-5444 to schedule an inspection appointment.
3. Facilities must contact 607-832-5444 directly and provide the opening date and hours of operation information.
4. Once an appointment is scheduled they will be given a Pre-Inspection checklist to complete and submit for approval.
5. Prior to the inspection appointment they will be required to send their opening plan and any contractor certifications or attestations related to changing ventilation systems.

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