

September 2020 Reopening Protocol and Safety Measures

Objective

The health and safety of our members, coaches and staff remain our main priority. In order to comply with local, state and federal guidelines, we will be implementing the following protocols for our reopening with the goal to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Hours of Operation

- 11:00am - 10:30pm

Prior to Reopening

- HEPA filtration systems will be installed and operating at full capacity.
- Space markers will be placed around the club to maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
- A deep clean and electrostatic sanitizing process of Fencers Club will occur.
- HVAC has been cleaned and is operating at full capacity.

General Protocol

- **If you are displaying or think you may have any COVID-19 related symptoms, please contact the club so that we may follow up.**
- There is a limit of 36 fencers at a given time.
- The club will be open for lessons, classes and bouts. Lessons and classes must be scheduled with your coach and bouts must be registered for through the FC Member Portal. **No walk-ins will be accepted.** Only the fencer may come into the facility.
- Do not come to the club if you have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or have been in direct contact with somebody who has tested positively.
- Masks must be worn at all times while in the building, including during lessons, classes and bouts.
 - Masks with valves will not be permitted.
- Practice social distancing by keeping 6 feet away from others.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed around Fencers Club. All fencers, coaches and staff members should use sanitizer frequently and wash hands.
- Armory and rental services will not be available in the Pro Shop.
 - Coaches will not be loaning equipment during this time. Equipment will still be available for sale or order. As a reminder, all proceeds from the FC Pro Shop benefit the Fencers Club Scholarship Fund
- The restrooms in the locker rooms will be closed.
 - The single use restroom by the east side stairwell will be open.
- The water fountain, including water dispenser function, will be turned off. Water will be available for sale in the Pro Shop.
- A professional cleaning staff with electrostatic sanitizing equipment will clean the facility nightly.

Fencer's Responsibilities

Before arriving at Fencers Club please make sure to:

- Complete and return the waiver form. Waiver forms will be available at the front desk.
- Elevators may accommodate 2 people at a time. Please be considerate of other tenants at 229 West 28th Street.
- Use hand sanitizer upon entrance.
- Complete a non-contact infrared temperature check prior to entering Fencers Club.
- Wear only clean fencing uniforms and sanitize fencing masks

While at the club:

- Arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to a scheduled lesson, class or bouts session to warm up.
 - There will be a designated warm up area available.
 - If the fencer arrives early they must wait outside the building.

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- Arrive dressed for your lesson or in clothing that will permit easy changing. **Locker rooms will be closed except to retrieve equipment.**
 - Changing may only occur in the bathroom or by pulling fencing equipment over workout attire.
 - Tops and bottoms must be worn at all times on the fencing floor.
- Leave any bags in the designated and marked area only.
- No eating at the club.
- Leave immediately after the lesson, class, or bouting session through the West stairwell or elevator.

Staff and Coaches' Responsibilities

- Enforce all reopening protocols, including wearing masks at all times.
- Spend the least amount of time in the coaches' room as possible. All coaches and staff will leave once they have completed their lessons and classes or work duties.
- Wipe down coaching equipment daily.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch spaces and surfaces every hour.

Please continue to practice proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette both at and away from Fencers Club:

- Wash your hands often.
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue and put the refuse in the garbage can.
- Practice social distancing.

If you have any questions, please contact info@fencesclub.org or 212.807.6947.