



Dear Members,

While the JCC has been closed, the operations and facility staff has been actively working towards providing a safe facility ready for re-opening. Under the leadership of Mike Goldstein and our Board of Directors, we have focused on meeting the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Understanding that people have valid concerns regarding their safety and health when they choose to return to the JCC, we want to share some information with you regarding the steps being taken to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. We are also developing our phased re-opening to ensure that the proper attention is given to all areas.

Over the past weeks, the Operations and Facility Departments:

- have been working to establish supply chains for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect the health of staff and thereby all those who enter the facility.
- examined chemicals used for cleaning and disinfection and replaced chemicals to meet the higher standards recommended under regulatory agencies for effectively killing viruses including COVID-19.
- performed several facility inspections to plan for new physical barriers and reconfiguration of spaces to meet social distancing requirements.
- investigated new equipment which will assist with deeper daily cleaning using new technologies.
- re-trained all facility team members on new protocols which are compliant with CDC, OSHA and governing body requirements for best practices, as well as provided training on new equipment and chemical usage.
- worked, through the JCC Staff Re-Open Task Force, to effectively approach all concerns and to communicate with all department leaders regarding new protocols that support best practices and ensure that all staff members are properly trained prior to reopening.
- attended numerous virtual training, workshops and professional development programs which focused on successfully re-opening community centers.

While no facility can claim to be totally safe from this virus or any other, please know that the JCC is actively working to meet our mission of providing the safest and most welcoming facility possible. We have been busy learning new ways of serving our members.

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JCC Director of Operations