Mandatory Vaccine Rules for in-person participation in all Greater Reston Chamber events

COVID-19 cases, exacerbated by virus variants, have significantly increased in Fairfax County. The Centers for Disease Control currently identify the region as an area of “substantial” spread. In acknowledgment of our role as a community leader, and in response to this increasing public health crisis, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce is introducing additional safety guidelines for all in-person activities, effective Monday, September 13, 2021.

The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce supports its members, and the surrounding community, through its four cornerstones of networking, education, business development, and advocacy. These additional measures are intended to ensure the Chamber’s continued ability to deliver its programs and services to as many of our members, guests, staff, and volunteers as possible, in the safest possible environment. The Chamber will continue to monitor county, state, and federal COVID-19 guidance and adjust these measures in the future as needed.

These additional guidelines include:

1) **Vaccination Requirement**: All individuals (members, guests, or others) attending Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce organized meetings or events in person – with limited exceptions detailed below – must be fully vaccinated, as defined by the CDC. All attendees must provide proof of vaccination status for in-person admission to such events. The Chamber will accept any of the following forms of evidence as proof of vaccination status:
   a. Physical COVID-19 vaccine card, as issued by the CDC through local health agencies and vaccination outlets.
   b. A photo of the vaccination card.
   c. A Health Pass by CLEAR record, or similar electronic vaccine record.

You can request digital proof of your Virginia COVID-19 vaccine from the Virginia Department of Health.

2) Chamber staff, upon an event attendee’s request, will record their vaccination status for more seamless entry at future Greater Reston Chamber meetings and events. This is purely optional. If this information is not recorded, attendees will be asked to present proof of vaccination status at all in-person events.

3) The Chamber will consider requests for exemptions for medical or disability reasons, or sincerely held religious beliefs. Requests for exemption, and related documentation, must be submitted no less than three (3) full business days prior to the event. If an exemption is granted, an attendee must provide a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 48 hours prior to the event and must wear a face covering for the entirety of the event. If the test results and/or the date of test cannot be conclusively determined, approval for exemption may be rescinded.

4) Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear facial coverings while at a Greater Reston Chamber event. Vaccinated individuals, at their own choosing, are welcome to wear
facial coverings.

5) Members, guests, and other Greater Reston Chamber event attendees are asked to refrain from in-person attendance if any of the following conditions apply:
   b. You have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.
   c. You have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
   d. You are unable to follow the Chamber’s event safety guidelines.

If you believe you may have COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone who may have COVID-19, please consult with a medical professional and adhere to these CDC guidelines.

These additional guidelines apply to in-person participation at all Greater Reston Chamber activities. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: committee or council meetings, any committee or council-produced workshop or event, Leadshare meetings, Networking Nights, Business Education Series workshops, Networking Before Nine, Coffee & Contracting, and all Greater Reston Chamber signature events.