



September 3, 2021

Dear Valeo Families,

We are writing to share **important new Covid requirements**. Pursuant to the directive of the City of Newton:

*"... masks will be required in all indoor public spaces in Newton, Massachusetts. Mayor Ruthanne Fuller announced that the mask mandate would go into effect on Sept. 2.*

***It impacts all indoor settings accessible to the public."***

Effective immediately, all players, parents, staff, and visitors of Valeo are required to wear masks while **INDOORS** at the Valeo FC Training Center. This mandate applies to those who are vaccinated and those who are not vaccinated, including all children over the age of 2.

Masks are **not required** to train or play **outdoors** at this time. However, we kindly ask parents to please **ensure your players have a mask** in their backpacks, and ready to go for when they need to enter the building, including for bathroom breaks, team meetings, stormy weather, indoor sessions, etc. Masks must be worn by all participants of indoor camps or clinics, set to begin this coming Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to ask that parents do not enter the facility to watch training, clinics, or wait for players to complete practice, etc. so we may continue to execute social distancing protocols. Of course, bathroom facilities are always accessible and if you have parent meetings or business to conduct, you are welcome any time, with masks on.

We fully understand that no one wishes to endure another season of masks, us included. However, as a community we must do everything that we can to keep each other safe, as we continue to battle this pandemic. Please know, the safety of our players is always our top priority. Our Valeo family has shown its resilience and strength over the past year and again we will continue to push through this together. We will keep you posted as the situation evolves.

Your support, as always is greatly appreciated.

Stay well,

***The Valeo Leadership Team***