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ATTENTION ALL COLUMBIA COUNTY GYMS & FITNESS CENTERS:

The State of New York is allowing the re-opening of indoor activities at all gyms and fitness centers beginning on Monday August 24, 2020, with restrictions and are subject to a mandatory inspection of your facility within two weeks of re-opening by the Columbia County Department of Health.

In order to comply with this State mandate, Columbia County is requiring the following application process:

All gyms/fitness centers wishing to re-open indoor activities **MUST APPLY** to do so by sending an email to: ccdoh@columbiacountyny.com and provide the following information:

1. Legal name, address and phone number of the business.
2. Town, City, or Village where the business is located.
3. Current hours of operation Monday-Friday.
4. The name of the legal owner of the business.
5. The name of the responsible person(s) at the business who will be ensuring on-going compliance with the requirements of the State mandate.
6. Posted legal occupancy limit of the business (prior to the required 33% reduction). If not known, this can be obtained by contacting your local Building Department.
7. State whether your gym offers indoor classes and what type. Under the State mandate, the County must approve the offering of indoor classes.
8. Proof that you have read and affirmed the New York State Department of Health's Interim Guidance for Gym's and Fitness Centers. The document is available here:
https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Gyms_and_Fitness_Centers_Detailed_Guidelines.pdf
You will need to click the link at the end of the document to fill out this form:
<https://forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation>
9. Once you have completed the affirmation form, screenshot it or print the screen and scan it into an attachment to send along with your email.
10. CCDOH staff will monitor the applications coming into this email account. When we receive your application and verify that it is complete, we will send a return email with an official go-ahead to open.

Please contact the Columbia County Department of Health at (518) 828-3358 Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm if you have any questions.