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FCCJ President Message Mask Policy

Dear Members,

I'm writing to let you know that the Board of Directors has decided to require everyone on Club premises to wear a mask, except if they are eating or drinking.

I know we are all weary of pandemic precautions and eager to get back to "normal life," so I wanted to explain why we took this decision now, after merely requesting cooperation in the past.

Japan is facing new coronavirus infection rates at a record high and many patients are being forced to recuperate at home. To help halt the spread, we want to do our bit and keep Japan's health care system functioning. And while Japan's vaccination program has built up speed we can't assume that everyone who visits the club is fully immunized. For their sake, we believe we should continue to take reasonable precautions.

The Club will, of course, continue to review our mask policy over the coming weeks and months, based on expert opinion and government advice. In the meantime, please note that no one without a mask will be allowed to attend Club events in person.

Suvendrini Kakuchi
FCCJ President