

Dear Montgomery County Council,

I urge the council to consider a more flexible mask mandate. I think a lot of the inconvenience of the mask mandate would be relieved if only there was an exception for gyms. I have no issue with wearing masks in most retail establishments. But getting in a good workout in a mask is just not just painful--- it can even be dangerous. Everyone at my gym is vaccinated, by the gym's own vaccine rules, so I feel wearing a mask is unnecessary too.

Whatever you decide regarding the yo-yo effects, please consider just letting gym members and gym owners enjoy the same flexibility that restaurants and bars enjoy.

Thank you,

-Andrew