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Hello everyone,

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully any winter woes will be behind us soon.

Your committee are continually reviewing the Covid requirements in place at the studio and as the number of cases are now declining and winter is coming to a close there has been a decision to make some changes to the policy.

**Masks - effective immediately**

There is no longer a requirement for mandatory wearing of masks however the committee strongly encourage the wearing of masks wherever possible. This decision will be left to individuals. If you choose not to wear a mask, please be mindful of others in your group and be particularly careful to practice social distancing.

**Kitchen - effective immediately**

The kitchen area is now opened for communal use and you may again use the microwave. You may wish to bring your own mug and spoon. If you use the studio mugs, please be sure to wash immediately after use and replace in the cupboard. Continual use of the kitchen area will be based on all groups leaving it clean and tidy. The kitchen surface areas should be cleaned with disinfectant at the end of each session and all crockery and cutlery returned to the cupboard and drawer.

**Proof of Vaccination - effective Term 4**

Commencing in Term 4 there will no longer be the requirement to provide proof of Covid vaccination.

We know some of you will welcome these changes and others may be unhappy. Please remember that your committee is made up of volunteers who are trying their best to make decisions that will enable everyone to enjoy the studio in a safe way. We base our decisions on the government and health data and recommendations.

Thanks to those who have so diligently followed the Covid policy. We appreciate your efforts to make the studio a place where other members feel safe and comfortable.

Happy painting

Lindy :)

Lindy Whitton, President