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REGIONAL CHAMBER SUPPORTS GOVERNOR INSLEE'S REOPENING OF INDOOR FITNESS AND TRAINING FACILITIES

TRI-CITIES, Wash., – The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce supports Washington Governor Jay Inslee's decision to reopen indoor fitness and training facilities in Benton and Franklin counties.

On Friday, September 11, Gov. Inslee [announced updated guidance](#) for indoor fitness and training facilities as part of Washington's Safe Start phased reopening plan, allowing those facilities to operate under Phase 2 guidance.

The Regional Chamber has been working closely on behalf of the Tri-Cities Fitness Coalition, a group comprised of the Regional Chamber and 13 local fitness business owners. On Friday, August 28, the Chamber, sent a [letter](#) to Gov. Inslee and Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman advocating for the reopening of fitness centers. One of the reasons given for reopening was allowing "patrons to exercise in inclement weather conditions."

"We're pleased with Governor Inslee's decision to allow indoor fitness and training facilities to reopen in the Tri-Cities," said Lori Mattson, President & CEO of the Regional Chamber. "Exercise is crucial for mental and physical health. Given the unsafe air conditions outside from wildfire smoke, indoor fitness facilities are essential to the well-being of Tri-Citians."

Find a full list of current reopening guidance [here](#).

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