
INFORMATION ABOUT NEW CHECK-IN SYSTEM

The TMCC Fitness Center has implemented a new check-in system to provide greater security and safety, and reduce printed paperwork.

No image of any fingerprint is maintained on the system. The fingerprint check-in system requires a member to give the fingerprint from one finger. The image of that fingerprint is immediately converted into a series of numbers. Each time the person uses the fitness room, he/she places that finger on a glass which matches the binary number of his/her fingerprint to the binary number on file. The binary number is linked to the name and digital picture of the individual. An image of the fingerprint itself is not kept.

Under this system, the TMCC staff knows who is using the fitness room and all of their emergency information is easily accessible. For example, if a person is injured, TMCC staff can easily identify the person by looking at the digital picture of everyone signed in. The injured person's emergency contact can immediately be notified. If there is any relevant medical information on file, that may be given to any emergency medical personnel. In addition, records of the date and times of persons in the fitness room are maintained. This is helpful if a person claims that he or she was injured using the fitness room.

All of this information is kept on a compact computer hard drive or back up drive. Previously, we used written sign-in sheets which took up significant storage space. All information (digital picture and attendance dates and times) is maintained in a confidential manner. It has the same protections as all student and employee information at TMCC.