

July 2020

Dear Patrons,

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from the community about if and how COVID-19 will change the way we operate our pool. After careful consideration, I am excited to let you know that we plan to open on Saturday, July 11th, while following CDC guidance to protect our swimmers, staff, and our community.

The health and safety of our swimmers, staff, and other patrons remains our highest priority. Below you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allowing our swimmers and patrons to enjoy the water. We are:

- Promoting healthy hygiene practices, such as encouraging all staff, patrons, and swimmers to stay home if they are unwell, wash their hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, wearing cloth face coverings when not in the water (unless you are having trouble breathing, unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance).
- Increasing cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation within our facilities by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails, counter surfaces, door handles, and lifeguard stands. We are also adding handwashing stations, having adequate soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels and no-touch trash cans.
- Encouraging social distancing to ensure patrons can remain 10 feet apart in standing and seating areas, visual cues like tape on floors and sidewalks, staggering use of communal spaces such as bathrooms.
- Asking patrons to provide their own seating to eliminate the sharing of equipment, and to bring their own drinks and/or snacks (no glass) to eliminate hand-to-hand contact, in lieu of selling concessions.
- Eliminating pool passes, pool parties, and groups over 6.

In the event someone would get sick, we reserve the right to close the pool temporarily or permanently for the season, and we will work with local health officials. We look forward to seeing you. Now, let's dive in and have fun!

Thank you, and stay healthy,

Neil D. Showalter
Town Manager