

Nor-Gwyn Pool Covid-19 Rules and Protocols

The following rules and COVID-19 protocols are incorporated into our existing Pool Rules. The COVID-19 protocols below follow CDC Guidelines and State Regulations, and the rules may be adjusted as guidance is updated by authorities.

BE AWARE that the danger of exposure to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 exists. By entering the pool facility, you voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 for yourself and your family.

DO NOT ENTER this facility if you have any of the following: Cough, Fever over 100°, Rash, Loss of sense of smell or taste, stomach issues/diarrhea, body aches, other symptoms of illness.

Persons who have any symptoms of COVID-19, have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, or have had any other contagious illness (pinkeye, stomach/intestinal virus, etc.) within a 24 hour period are not permitted in the pool.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19, you may not enter this facility until you have completed the required CDC quarantine period and are symptom free.

Respectfulness of others

- As always, be respectful of our facility and courteous to everyone. Please obey lifeguards and management as their jobs are to keep everyone safe. Remember our employees are your children, neighbors, friends, and family members.
- **Mask wearing is a requirement at our facility - regardless of vaccination status - and is a part of being respectful to others.**

Hours of Operation

- If storms are expected, pools may close in advance of the storm to avoid crowding while exiting
- If inclement weather is expected the pool will close and a notice will be posted on Facebook

Attendance

- Overall attendance may be limited depending on local, state federal guidelines.
- The number of lap swimmers or walkers may be limited due to local, state federal guidelines.
- Card scanning records will be used for contact tracing should that become necessary.
- All guests are required to sign the Waiver of Liability before entering the facility.
- Please approach the front desk only after families ahead of you have moved away from the desk
- All members must wear face masks when entering/exiting the facility or using restrooms
- 6' marking will be indicated on the ground to assist with social distancing

COVID-19 Protocols:

- The Pool Manager, Beth, has been designated as our COVID-19 point person. Any questions or issues related to viral mitigation should be brought to her attention.
- All lifeguards, staff, and managers have received COVID-19 specific guidance, including related rescue and resuscitation procedures.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located around the facility
- Signage is posted around the facility encouraging hand washing/social distance/face coverings
- Signage with new rules relating to COVID-19 will be posted on bulletin boards inside the facility
- Our drinking fountains will be off, but the bottle filler will be on, please bring your own plastic bottle.
- Chairs may not be available (Members may bring their own chair)
- Picnic tables may not be available to patrons inside the facility; any tables outside the facility are not being sanitized and are use-at-your-own-risk
- Floor markings showing 6 foot spacing have been added where appropriate
- GAGA, Volleyball, Sliding Boards, WIBITs and shared toys may not be available this year
- Disinfection of high touch surfaces will be done regularly throughout the day and additionally as needed
- Social distancing announcement reminders will be made periodically throughout the day
- Parents are expected to monitor and maintain social distancing and other COVID- 19 guidelines for their children
- Lost and Found services will not be provided, items left after each session will be discarded (except for items of high value.)
- **Pool Deck**
 - No chairs or sitting permitted on the decking other than in the Pavilion near the dive boards. Seating in this pavilion must maintain social distancing
 - Face masks shall be worn while entering the complex and walking on deck to seating, bathrooms, etc. (Face masks are not needed when going to/from the water, in the water or sitting at your location in the grass. Face masks should be worn when socializing with non-household members
 - Disinfection of frequently touched areas will occur throughout the day and additionally as needed
 - As always, No running while on deck, No horseplay in the pool or on the deck.
- **Bathhouse**
 - Showers and changing areas/benches will not be available due to lower ventilation in these areas
 - Bathroom occupancy will be monitored and limited to allow social distancing
 - Increased disinfection will occur regularly and additionally as needed
 - Bathrooms will close for 15-minute periods during the day and 15 minutes prior to the end of the day for disinfection.

- **Grass Areas**

- As always, Shade Umbrellas may only be opened/adjusted/closed by staff. Do not hang or attach anything to umbrellas.
- Please locate your family seating area with ample social distancing from other family seating areas to allow for ease of walking between groups to and from the pool.
- Pool Staff will provide guidance on distancing where needed
- Ball throwing between family members is limited to the grassy areas away from other patrons. No hard balls may be used at any time.

- **Use of Pools**

- Slides and WIBITS may not be available.
- Diving Boards will be available with social distancing while in line
- Social distancing in pools will be encouraged with periodic announcements

Staff:

- Required to wear face **masks** (except while on guard stand or on break socially distancing from others)
- Lifeguards will be assigned a rescue tube each day and will be responsible for sanitizing it at the end of their shift
- Managers will monitor and encourage social distancing protocols and face coverings through announcements and signage around the pool facility. If warranted, the member may be asked to leave by Manager. Refusal to leave the pool could result in intervention by Upper Gwynedd Police. Membership may be suspended or revoked for non-compliance.
- Staff will assist with cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high touch areas as needed.
- First Aid for minor cuts and scrapes will be provided via a self-serve area in front of the manager's office.
- Rescues:
 - Guards will be encouraged to approach victims from behind or utilize reaching devices
 - Victims will be transferred to deck team wearing proper PPE before treatment

Pool Closing:

- The pool may close for the season if any of the following occurs:
 - State or local official order
 - Unable to acquire supplies of PPE or sanitizer to maintain the facility per CDC guidelines
 - Staffing levels decrease to unsafe level due to illness or attrition

Positive Test for COVID-19 at the Facility:

Should a staff member or pool member inform the Pool Manager that they have tested positive for COVID-19, Montgomery County Department of Health will be notified and will provide needed follow-up.

Other:

- Parents and chaperones of children, not lifeguards and staff, are responsible for ensuring their children social distance while at the pool
- Parents are always responsible for the actions of their children; parents must be active managers of their children and ensure they understand the new guidelines