

Jefferson Community Pool Memorandum  
Subject: A Letter to our Patrons

To: Jefferson Community Pool Patrons  
From: Meagan Semanski; Pool Manager  
Date: July 26, 2020

Hello Jefferson Community Pool families,

I wanted to start by thanking you all for being patient with us this summer. The painting project was not just for vanity; the plaster on the bottom of the pool was beginning to show and was starting to erode. The epoxy paint helps preserve the bottom so that we have a pool to enjoy for years to come. We have had several hiccups occur along the way, but we have completed the project and are excited to finally open up for you all to enjoy the second half of summer with us.

As you already know, there are several state and local guidelines we must follow in order to open the pool as well as some specific guidelines we have set in place for our own pool. We have been working with other local pools as well so that we can keep our rules somewhat consist with surrounding pools. We ask that you please be understanding of these guidelines as we navigate through new and uncertain times. The first thing you will notice is that we will not be offering swimming lessons this summer. This was a decision not made lightly but ultimately, we feel it is the best way to keep our staff and patrons safe. You will also notice that we have our deck set up so that everyone who is at the pool can enjoy their own section of pool deck 6 feet away from other groups. We will have a physical distance monitor on shift to help keep you and your family safe by kindly reminding patrons to remain 6 feet apart. This will be an extremely difficult task and my hopes are that this person will be treated with kindness as this is a state mandate that we must enforce, and it is ultimately for our patrons health and wellbeing.

Our schedule will look a little different this summer as well. You will notice that we will not be offering open swims this summer but family swims instead. The major difference in this is that anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult over 18 and all swimmers in that group must be from the same household. There will be several Family Swims each day and each of them are 2 hour time blocks. Each 2 hour block will be open for the first 25 people; this number includes people in the pool as well as on the deck. After each activity the pool will close for 30 minutes while the staff clean and sanitizes the entire facility.

Our facility is now set up to have "one way traffic." Patrons will enter through the front as usual, do a safety screening each day, and sign in (first time users will sign a waiver) and walk through the locker rooms to get to the pool deck. We highly encourage all patrons come to the pool in their swimming attire and leave in their swimming attire as well to minimize gatherings in the locker rooms. You will now exit off the pool deck through a gate where you will sign out with the person on duty. Masks are required to be worn once you enter the building but once

you are out on the pool deck and you maintain physical distancing, you may remove your mask if you'd like. Masks should not be worn in the water. We will have minimal concessions available to purchase in the office upon your arrival or on the pool deck near the "exit gate" if you should need a snack or drink during your stay. We will not have a microwave or any food that requires the staff to handle anything unwrapped.

Lap Swim will be limited to 5 swimmers at a time as the guideline states one person per lane. The exception to this rule is if there are people from the same home doing lap swim, they may share a lane and they will just be counted as 1 lap swimmer. Snorkel gear will not be permitted this year as particles of water and saliva cannot be contained when clearing out the snorkel. In order to keep Water Aerobics safe and our attendees 6 feet apart we have capped the number of attendees at 10 people per class, but to allow for more flexibility and more attendees, there will be 2 water aerobics classes offered back to back in the evening. We do ask that if you attend the first class and would like to do the second one, that you get out and allow those who didn't attend the first one a chance to participate. If the class doesn't fill up, you may get back in and participate in the second class.

The slide, basketball hoop, pool toys etc. will not be open this summer as to not cross contaminate. If you would like to bring stuff to the pool to use from home the list of allowed objects are; dive rings and dive sticks, goggles, fins and properly fitted lifejackets/ puddle jumpers for non-swimmers. Please do not share these items with people not in your family group. Pool noodles, balls of any kind, snorkels, or any type of inflatable is not permitted. Please keep in mind that all outside objects that are brought in are up to the lifeguards discretion and they may ask you to put it away at anytime.

Ultimately, these guidelines are put in place to create the safest possible environment for all staff and patrons and we look forward to the rest of the summer at the pool. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation this summer. As always if you have questions or concerns please contact the pool manager instead of the lifeguards on deck. See you all soon!