COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

June 1, 2020
MEMBER ACCESS LIMITATIONS

The following member access controls and social distancing code of conduct will be strictly enforced:

- **Guest policy** – In order to prioritize access for our members, guests are not permitted this year. Once we are up and running, and space allows, we will have a limited number of day passes available for purchase online for Upper Merion residents.
- **Check-in** – Please approach the front desk only after families checking in ahead of you have moved away from the front desk. Check-in will be touch free – the front desk staff member will operate the check-in device, while the member holds their card. **All registrations must be completed online before your first visit. No transactions will be done at the pool.** Only registered members will be allowed into the facility.
- Everyone entering the facility will have their temperature checked and must have a face covering.
- **Waiver** – All members are required to sign a Waiver of Liability (included online as part of the registration process).
- **Chairs** – Members may bring their own chairs. We will not provide any chairs or tables.
- **Group games** – games such as water basketball, gaga, whiffle ball, etc. which involve multiple people interacting in close proximity, will not be permitted this year.
- **Parents and Chaperones** of children, **not lifeguards and staff**, are responsible for ensuring their children social distance while at the facility.
- **Diving board** – members are required to engage in proper social distancing while waiting to use the diving board. Diving rules will be enforced, 1 person on the board at a time, one bounce only, forward jump or dive only. NO FLIPS, rotations or stunts permitted. Swimmer must be able to swim to the side unassisted (no catching).
- **Slide** – we will not be running the slide this season.
- **Pool Toys** – No toys will be provided. **Members may bring toys or floats to be used by their family members only.** Toys or floats left at the facility will be discarded daily.
- **Gatherings** – no birthday parties, private parties, socials, etc. will be permitted this year.

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

- Members from the same household are not expected to practice social distancing with each other.
- Members shall observe the recommended 6-foot separation from other non-household members when moving about the grounds and pool deck. The grass area will be marked for family groups to have a safe area.
- Members are required to wear facemasks when moving around the grounds, and bathrooms. Face masks are not permitted in the pools, please observe maximum posted numbers for each area, and please make sure to keep your social distance while in the water.
- 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.
- Members shall observe area capacity limits established by the Township.
- Moving of umbrellas, and other fixtures is not permitted.
INTERIM OCCUPANCY LIMITS

Aside from enforcing state and local social distancing policies, the Upper Merion Township Pool shall limit the number of people allowed in the pool area at any one time. The new interim occupancy limit lowers the number of people allowed at the pool in order to facilitate the observance of minimum distancing between families.

An area assessment of the grounds is being used to substantiate the interim occupancy limits. A 6-foot separation policy would allow 1 member to utilize 36 sq. ft. In an abundance of caution, initial capacity constraints in the pools and surrounding areas are based on a 64 sq. ft. assumption.

Initial capacity estimates are 388 people in the facility at one time (based on 64 sq. ft. per person).

Pool capacity would be

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All areas will be marked, and each area of the pool will have the maximum number posted. We may close areas of the pool based on numbers, and staffing requirements.

Please note that the lifeguards on stand will not be wearing masks while scanning. We will have an area marked around the stand, please don't cross that line.

All face covering and social distancing rules will be enforced by pool management, not the lifeguards on duty.

Failure to follow the new rules and guidelines may cause memberships to be cancelled, or the facility closed.

The map on the next page is just to give you an idea of how we will implement maximum numbers. We will have markings on the grass to make it easy.
SANITATION AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES

Disinfection procedures shall be different for the pools and grounds. Members should continue to protect themselves and others at the facility both in and out of the water by practicing social distancing and good hand hygiene.

Pool Disinfection Procedures – According to the CDC, there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance of these facilities (including disinfection with chlorine) should inactivate the virus in water.

- The pool water shall be continuously disinfected by the chemical treatment added to the circulation system.
- Chlorine levels and other water chemistry limits shall be checked and adjusted (if required) during every rotation period or as required by the manager (we check on the hour, every hour – health department requires twice a day)
- Pool railings, ladders, and all other common points of touch will be sprayed with disinfectant at least every hour. A no rinse, spray and walk away disinfectant will be used that won’t interfere with pool chemistry (https://www.wysiwash.com/pools and https://www.wysiwash.com/effersan).

Grounds Disinfection Procedures – In addition to ensuring water safety and quality, the Upper Merion Pool staff shall implement disinfecting procedures for the grounds and facilities. The following common areas and touchpoints shall be disinfected on an hourly basis. We will have a lifeguard as part of the rotation cleaning continuously. Bathrooms may be closed for up to 15 minutes per hour for cleaning

- Door handles (inside and outside)  - Soap dispensers/ hand dryers
- Handrails and pool ladders            - toilet flush levers
- Restroom doors                        - baby changing stations
- Faucets                              - sinks
- Lifeguard chairs
The Hedgehog Grill
Upper Merion Township Pool Snack Bar
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Staff:

- All staff members are trained on food safety and proper hygiene. Before reopening, staff will be retrained and an updated on new procedures.
- All staff will be required to wear face coverings.
- Staff will be monitored closely to ensure increased frequency of handwashing.
- Food service grade gloves will be worn by snack bar employees while handling food.
- Staff will be limited as much as possible. We expect that many days this summer one person will be able to operate the snack bar. When needed, additional staff will follow social distancing guidelines and provide at least 6ft separation whenever possible.
- Any staff member that is feeling at all ill, will be asked to stay home from work.
- Staff will follow, encourage and enforce any guidelines provided by UMTP.

Facilities and Equipment:

- Increased routine sanitation of all high touch surfaces throughout the day on an hourly basis. Full cleaning and sanitizing after each day.
- All dining seating will be removed from the front dining room and in front of the snack bar. The front dining room/counter will have a limited capacity and markers spread out to provide appropriate separation.
- A combination of Plexiglas and corrugated plastic will be installed to create a protective barrier between staff and customers over the counter space.
- Signs will be placed inside and around snack bar to encourage social distancing.

Vendors:

- Any vendors making food deliveries (Coca-Cola, Ice Cream Vendor, etc.) will be asked to remain outside the building and allow snack bar staff to bring deliveries inside the building.

Patrons and Service:

- An online and/or text in order system will be utilized in order to limit the number of patrons entering the snack bar area. Delivery and snack bar side pickup will be available.
- Condiments will be served in individual containers only (i.e. packets, cups), in place of self-service squeeze bottles.
- No refilling of food or beverage containers or use of containers brought in by customers.
Formal swim Activities, Lap Lane rental policies (early morning rentals)

Lane rentals – For this program we will follow the USA Swimming guidelines. All rental groups must provide us with names and contact information for all swimmers. Each time they use the facility, the coach will be required to give an attendance list to the office when they leave.

- Coaches will be responsible for all swimmers. They will monitor and screen swimmers.
- All swimmers will bring their own equipment and they are not permitted to share equipment. Swimmers will be spaced in a way to control social distancing.
- Areas will be provided for swimmers to leave their belongings.
- Coaches will be required to wear masks
- As per USA guidelines, there will be a maximum of 6 swimmers per lane.

Learn to swim – private lessons may be conducted if the swimmer is an independent swimmer, looking to improve skills. The instructor will be on the pool deck following social distance guidelines. We would also be able to have a parent/child swim class, these can be small group lessons with the parent working with their child, while the instructor remains on deck. We need to be in the GREEN phase before lessons can start.

Aquacize – Aquacize is only offered to adults. Social distance guidelines will be in place. No equipment will be used, and class size will be limited.

EMPLOYEE SAFETY POLICIES

- Office staff will be required to wear a mask. Entry to the facility will not require any contact between members and staff.
- There will be a 6 foot marking around lifeguard stands to help keep lifeguards distanced from members, lifeguards will not be required to wear a mask while sitting on the stand actively scanning.
- Staff will be required to keep a strict record of cleaning activities.
- All staff will be required to answer a medical questionnaire before entering the facility.
- All staff will have their temperature checked before entering the facility.
- Only 1 lifeguard permitted in the lifeguard shack at a time.
- All staff must wear a face mask while in the facility. Once a lifeguard is on the stand, they may lower their face mask while scanning.
- All staff must wear gloves and a face covering while cleaning.
- All staff must wear gloves and a face covering while providing first aid. All first aid must be recorded in the First Aid log.
COVID-19 WARNING

The danger of exposure to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 exists.

By entering the pool facility, you take responsibility for your own protection and for disinfecting your hands on a regular basis. Sanitizing stations will be available.

Do not use the pool if you have a cough, fever, or other symptoms of illness.

Maintain at least 6 feet between you and other people who are not part of your household.

A face covering is required when you are not in the swimming pool

Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society opening guidelines: