

2021 Cressona Pool Protocol Safety Policies/Guidelines

In order to protect staff and patrons this summer, upon opening, the Cressona Pool will be operating under the following protocol safety policy guidelines:

Staff/Patron Protocols:

- All staff will be asked to wear masks and gloves while at ground level working with the public. Concession staff will require masks and gloves when necessary.
- In accordance with CDC guidelines and mandates issued by the Governor's office, ALL PATRONS will be required to wear a mask to enter the premises, entering the locker room facilities and while in the concession area.
- Routine staff meetings and trainings will adhere to newly implemented Covid-19 related guidelines and recommendations as set forth by the American Red Cross.
- Staff will undergo a daily Covid -19 screening daily, prior to the beginning of their shift. Any staff member exhibiting multiple symptoms will be sent home and required to follow existing CDC protocols for return to work.
- Any guest displaying symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will be asked to refrain from using the facility and encouraged to reach out to their physician.
- Any individual diagnosed with Covid-19 after attending the pool will be asked to notify us immediately and refrain from entering the facility for a period of 14 days.

Facility Protocols:

- Plexiglass sneeze guards will be installed at the concession area in order to minimize particle spread between staff and patrons.
- The purchase of seasonal pool passes will be encouraged and preferred over daily admission in order to cut down on cash transactions and congestion at the front counter. Only Pool Pass holders will be able to access the facility the first 2 weeks of the season.
- Large group pool rentals will be unavailable this summer.
- Sanitization stations will be placed throughout the facility for use by staff and patrons.
- The pavilion will not be open to the public but will be transitioned into an open air first-aid station in order to minimize use of indoor spaces.
- The outdoor shower and water fountain will also not be in use.
- In areas where lines form, patrons are asked to maintain social distancing.
- The maximum capacity for the facility will be set and adjusted based upon the guidelines set forth by the Governor's office and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control).
- Additional signage will be placed throughout the facility providing guests with Covid-19 guidelines, suggestions and reminders for safety and hygiene.

Concession Protocols:

-A limited menu will be offered for purchase at the concession stand.

-All patrons will be asked to take any trash accumulated during their stay with them when they leave and dispose of it separately. This will significantly diminish the likelihood of touch exposure between patrons and staff assigned to dispose of public waste.

-Picnic tables will be spread out across the concrete area at distances greater than 6 feet apart and will be encouraged for single family use. Tables will be sanitized frequently throughout the day along with other 'high touch' areas of the facility.

*In addition to these new guidelines, our staff will continue to enforce all the normal practices and posted rules for using the Cressona Pool. We will continuously monitor the situation in Schuylkill County and make necessary adjustments to these guidelines as the summer progresses, based on CDC and State Health Department recommendations.

In health,

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