

POOL PROTOCOL



Desmond Blades Aquatic Center

United States Centre for Disease Control:

"There is no evidence that Covid-19 can be spread through the water in pools, hot tubs or water playgrounds. Additionally, the proper operation of these aquatic venues and disinfection of the water (with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus."

Measures

- Distancing - swimmers and staff
- Sanitization - pool deck, pool building, frequently touched surfaces, equipment etc.
- Hand Sanitizers - pool deck, Building entrance
- Barrier Devices - for staff members masks and face shields
- General safety of swimmers
- Monitoring of pool chemical levels - proper maintenance

Factors in Relation to Teaching

- Distancing - between teachers and swimmers
- Barrier devices - ability to hear instructions through devices
- Number of students in a class
- Time used to change

Changing Rooms

- Students use individual cubicles
- Students are assigned use of the same cubicle and should be used for swimming and PE Gear.
- Classrooms and bathrooms must be disinfected after each class
 - Sanitizing of stalls, handles, doors that do not have handles to be wiped
- Utilization of Showers inside the changing room is not allowed - shower on deck only before and after swimming class. Deck shower handle to be wiped after each class
- No lost and found box to be available
- water bottles, towels and goggles to be kept by students
- Wash hands before leaving changing areas - after changing, after using the bathroom
- Sanitize hands upon entrance and exit to the building
- Leave as soon as class is over
 - no waiting on classmates
 - promote social distancing

Pool Entrance/Pool Deck

- Line is established, enter one at a time at 6' spacers
- Swimmers place their belongings on the bleachers/towel rack with appropriate distancing - bleachers will be sanitised after class .

- Emergency Gate to be utilized – the concern with the main entrance is that it cannot remain open.
- Shower on the pool deck to be used, before and after class. While research suggests you do not have to wash off after class due to the sanitizing effects of the chlorine, it may be an irritant to some bathers' skin.
- Markers and signs are to be utilized and enforce social distancing measures
- A small container with diluted disinfectant in case of bodily fluid accidents on deck.

Equipment

- Minimal equipment usage at the initial stages
- If equipment is used, they are to be cleaned in a solution – a container with water and disinfectant is made available on deck for students to dip equipment and left to be dried in the sun. Once dried, it can be placed in the storage container
- No sharing of equipment between swimmers, everyone is to bring their own equipment. This includes caps, goggles and water bottles.
- Two separate sets of equipment will be alternated between lessons; while one is being used, the other can be disinfected

Water Fountains

- Water fountain refill station to be used only. Drinking spouts to be disabled.

Testing of Chemicals

- Increase testing of the pool water for pH and chlorine levels from 3 to 4 or 5 times per day or as seen fit by lifeguard
- Monthly tests by the SRC continue - to check bacteria etc levels.
- Daily inspection of pool area