

Kozisek Aquatics Center Reopening Strategy

Introduction

Aquatic facilities like the Kozisek Aquatics Center must open in a safe manner that continues to limit the spread of COVID-19. The aquatic environment naturally allows for this to be accomplished with these main objectives:

Social distancing is easily achieved: With a combination of strategies for various stages of opening, the social distancing needs to be considered for the lobby area, locker rooms, pool decks, and in the water areas.

Chlorine in swimming pools disables the Coronavirus "There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water." -CDC "Water and COVID - 19 FAQs -information about Drinking water, treated recreational water and wastewater."

Aquatic Facilities are built with a "wet environment" in mind—this environment aides in easy disinfection for continued limitation of the spread of Covid-19.

Strategies for reopening the Kozisek Aquatic Center

A. Determining a Social Distancing Capacity

A six-foot social distancing policy will be adhered to in the facility, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency would include a "save," CPR, or any necessary first aid. In the beginning stages, we will limit capacities in the facility, thus creating a new "socially distancing capacity" This new capacity will be altered as we allow additional patrons into the facility. We will be adhering to any policies on the number of people permitted in a group from local health officials.

The capacity will increase as appropriate with each phase and in consultation with the local health authority.

PUBLIC LAP SWIM 5am-7am an 11a- 1pm to start July 27, 2020

- a. Lap Pool – **16 total, two swimmers per lane starting on opposite side of each lane, one lifeguard or coach, and one roving lifeguard or coach to ensure no more than 16 lap swimmers and one life guard for the front desk.** Allowing for two swimmers per lane for lap swimming. (Members get priority, if there is a waiting list one hour max per lane to swim.
- b. Children's Pool – Not to open at this time.

- c. Diving Board – closed during lap swim
- d. Pool equipment will be cleaned by staff after patron uses.

As social distancing limitations decrease, we will be able to allow more swimmers in each lane at any given time.

-All staff who are ill will not be allowed to work. All staff will have a health questionnaire form and recorded at the beginning of every shift.

-No ill or symptomatic staff, students or community members will be allowed into the facility. All staff, students and community members may have questionnaire form filled out and may have temperature taken and recorded at the beginning of every session upon arrival. Strongly encourage all to wear face masks upon arrival.

--Locker rooms will not be available to anyone, except to use the bathroom. Please arrive "ready to swim" and wear clothes over swimming attire. After every bathroom use, we will have staff on hand to sanitize the commonly touched surfaces (door handles, faucet handles, countertops and toilet seats.) Sanitation wipes will be provided in each locker room.

-No group workout classes.

-No birthday parties, private or public.

-No toys of any kind either here at the facility or brought in by students or staff

-No towel rental or "borrowing" from our facility

-No parents/guardians, family members or friends will be allowed to stay and observe swimmers to maintain social distancing and public use from facilities.

This protocol will be in place until new guidelines are issued.

After each lap swim and open competitive swim session clean the facility, sanitize the facility, for all staff members.

Required number of staff members include two staff members, one to run open competitive swim sessions and the other to make sure the two per lane is adhered to and check people in. One custodial staff to wipe down and clean facility after sessions. Staff to wipe down areas between each session.

Sign up times may be required in order to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and capacity as well as to have the custodial staff and counter staff.