

## **We could not be more excited to share this with you!**

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts in advance for your patience as we put together our plan to open The Pool. This was not a decision we took lightly, from both a financial perspective and a safety aspect.

## **Safety first & foremost**

From a safety aspect, The Pool will have a different feel this year. In addition to heightened disinfection practices, we will be carefully monitoring our facility capacity levels, in an effort to promote social distancing. Once we achieve our capacity limits, we will be unable to let anyone else in, until others leave. As a thank you, to our Pass Holders, we will allow them entrance to the facility one full hour before, the general public. In addition, Pass Holders will receive priority entrance over daily guests on a first come first serve basis.

## **Financial Considerations**

This Pool Season will come with a fair amount of financial challenges as well. Historically, public pools do not operate in the black, but rely on heavily, on the support from their Municipality. They are generally not self sustainable. In addition, maintaining a pool that is over fifty years old, comes with its own set of challenge. Repairs and maintenance are often expensive. Our Pool relies heavily on the revenue generated by the Municipality through facility rentals. Due to Covid19 and restrictions on gatherings, we have had to both cancel and or reschedule a significant number of events, resulting in refunds. This has forced us to tighten up our financials considerably and review, our Pass Holder rates in comparison to other area pools. For now we will need to shorten our hours of operation. New hours will be, Tuesday - Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. While we anticipate a strong response from not only our community but neighboring communities to our Pool Pass sales, we need to begin our season from a conservative place. And will re-evaluate our hours of operation as necessary.

Due to the capacity restrictions and social distancing practices that we are placing on our facility, we will be limiting the number of people within the facility at any one time. In order to fairly manage this, we will allow Pass Holders, priority when entering. In addition, Pass Holders may enter the facility one hour prior to the general public, at 12:00 pm.

## **Patience**

We appreciate your patience. This is ALL new. All uncharted territory for all of us. Please be patient with us as we work through our processes, in this changing world.

	<i>2020 Rates</i>
Resident - Family	\$325
Resident - Single	\$200
Resident - Senior	\$110
Non-Resident - Fam	\$400
Non-Resident - Single	\$225
Non-Resident - Senior	\$140

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## Avonworth Community Pool

SOCIAL DISTANCING - THE NEW NORMAL FOR 2020 SEASON

### IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Centers for Disease Control reports there is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread to people through the water used in swimming pools. The Avonworth Community Pool maintains the highest standards for proper pool operation and disinfection; including chemical monitoring and scheduled weekly water testing required by the Allegheny County Health Department.

However, given the contagious nature of COVID-19, all individuals who opt to enjoy the Pool facilities, must understand the inherent risk of exposure to the corona virus and adhere to the Pool Social Distancing Rules and Procedures mandated by the CDC and, Pennsylvania, and Allegheny County Health Departments.

**DO NOT PLAN ON VISITING THE POOL** if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, such as mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, or any other symptoms associated with corona virus as defined by the CDC.

**DO NOT PLAN ON VISITING THE POOL** if you have come in contact with

someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days or if you are at high risk of severe illness from the virus.

The CDC prohibits lifeguards from monitoring social distance. Parents and chaperones of children, not lifeguards, will be responsible to monitor and enforce social distancing of their children while in the pool.

### **POOL & SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES**

(All Existing Pool Rules & Regulations Will Be Observed)

Social distancing is a public health practice mandated by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that aims to prevent sick people from coming in close contact with healthy people in order to reduce opportunities for disease transmission of Covid-19.

Please keep in mind that the length of your exposure to other people heightens your risk of infection. Please maintain social distance in the pool and pool deck and lawn area.

### **POOL HOURS of OPERATION**

Avonworth Municipal Authority will set the hours for operation for the Avonworth Community Pool for the 2020 Summer season.

These hours of operation may change

**Tuesday through Sunday: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM**

**The Pool will be CLOSED on Mondays**

Attendance will be restricted by current governmental guidelines. The Pool will monitor attendance levels and restrict access when the current occupancy level is reached.

This means it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis throughout the day. If the Pool is at capacity, no one will be admitted until current users have left. Pool Pass holders will be able to enter the Pool at 12:00 Noon each day. If there is room for additional people, the Pool will offer access at Daily Rates.

In the case of inclement weather (including thunder and lightning) or required closings, all individuals will need to exit the facilities to maintain social distancing.

Parents and chaperones of children, not lifeguards, will be responsible to monitor and enforce social distancing of their children while in the pool.

## **FACIAL COVERINGS**

To be respectful of others, please wear a facial covering when in contact with Pool Staff, while using the restroom facilities, and when in an indoor area.

## **POOL DECK & LAWN**

No personal belongings or chairs on the cement deck area.

The Snack Bar will be open with a limited menu for the 2020 Season. There are no drinking fountains, water coolers, or ice available. No glass containers of any kind permitted. Please use plastic food and beverage containers.

The restrooms will remain open; showers and changing areas will not be available.

## **PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES**

Swim Lessons have been suspended for the 2020 season.

Pool Activities which involve multiple people interacting in close proximity, are discouraged. All other pool rules will be enforced.

Parents and chaperones of children, not lifeguards, will be responsible to monitor and enforce social distancing of their children while in the pool.

The baby pool will be open. Parents are responsible for being with their children at all times. No pool toys will be available. Patrons may bring their own toys when visiting. Access to the baby pool area will be limited to those with young children in the baby pool at the time.

## **PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**

Season Pass Holders may enter the Pool at 12:00 Noon

Please wear your swimwear to and from the pool. No changing areas will be available.

One way In – Follow the Signage for Entrance

You will be required to agree to these rules and regulations as well as the Covid-19 waiver when entering the pool.

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## **PREPARING TO EXIT**

Pool users will be required to clean their area and dispose of all trash prior to exiting. Please be sure to gather all your belongings, there will be no Lost & Found until further notice. One way Out – Follow the Signage for the Exit  
For everyone's safety, avoid congregating near the Exit, the Bridge, or in the Parking Lot.

## **WHY PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. COVID-19 can live for hours or days on a surface, depending on factors such as sunlight, humidity, and the type of surface. Social distancing helps limit opportunities to come in contact with contaminated surfaces and infected people outside the home.

Although the risk of severe illness may be different for everyone, anyone can get and spread COVID-19. Everyone has a role to play in slowing the spread and protecting themselves, their family, and their community.

**EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN SLOWING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND PROTECTING THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR COMMUNITIES**