

June 1, 2020

Greetings Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Members!

As our first order of business, we wanted to express our sincere gratitude for the appreciation and positive support you've all given us as we continue to work through this unprecedented situation regarding COVID-19. All us Board members are part of this community and are feeling the same sense of loss that all of you are feeling. Your words of encouragement are a great reminder of just how special our community is and the role the Club plays in bringing us together!! It motivates us to do our part of doing everything we can to get the Club and pool "online" in whatever capacity we can. We also take into account that this Club has brought us together as a community for over 50 years and helped define what "community" is for many generations... we ground our actions and decisions in ensuring that we need to give the gift of the "Club" to future generations which will reap benefits far beyond Carderock!!

We did get some new information this week that, while not definitive, does give us direction on where we think Maryland and Montgomery County are heading when it comes to pools. Here's the quick highlights:

**Pools are expected to be part of Reopening - Phase 2:** Montgomery County announced they will start Phase I of the County's COVID-19 Recover Plan on June 1<sup>st</sup>. There's been no announcement on when Phase 2 will start, but we do think under a best-case scenario, Phase I would last a minimum of two weeks. Pools are allowed to move forward with licensing and inspections, which we are moving forward on for the Club with our key objective to open up as soon as we can.

**Wading Pools (i.e. our Baby Pool) to remain closed:** As part of Phase 2, wading pools (defined as 24 inches deep or less) are to remain closed. For the Club, that means our Baby Pool will remain closed even when we get to open.

**Maximum capacity limits to be required:** Members will be required to maintain six feet social distancing while in the pool and on the grounds. There will be a maximum number of people allowed in the pool based on square footage of our pool. We are in the process of reviewing our sizing to determine what our capacity will be (which we expect will have to be approved as part of inspection and licensing). In anticipation of such a requirement, the BOD and Pool Manager have been working through a process to enable members equal opportunities to use the pool. More details to come as we flush out more.

**Supplies and General Procedures to Maintain Safety for Patrons:** There will be requirements for us as a Club to maintain supplies (soaps, disinfectant, gloves, etc.) as well as regular cleaning throughout the day. We are still working through the details, but are committed to maintaining safety for our members regardless of what the minimum requirements are. It will also require each of us to do our part as members of the community to maintain the safety of the folks around us and ensure we take personal responsibility of our own actions and monitor our own health so as to not put others at risk. As part of future communications, we'll provide more details on how we as a community can look out for each other.

That captures some of the highlights... For those that are interested in gaining a better understanding of the regulation details, please see links below:

**Maryland Directive Summary for Swimming Pools (5/27/2020):**

<https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Swimming-Pools-COVID-19-Directives.pdf>

**Montgomery County Announcing the start of Phase I (5/28/2020):**

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=25367](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=25367)

**News Release about Montgomery County Pools (5/29/2020):**

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=25376](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=25376)

**Montgomery County COVID-19 Metric Dashboard (Updated Daily):**

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/Coronavirus-data.html>

More to come as we learn more. As always, if you have any questions, please send them to us... we'll continue to send out weekly communications to keep you updated.

We hope you and your families stay well. We hope to see you soon!!

Thanks,  
Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Board of Directors.