

June 19, 2020

Greetings Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Members!

We hope that you and your families are doing well. We have some great news!! Montgomery County has made the determination that outdoor swimming pools are allowed to open (**WITH RESTRICTIONS**). While the announcement went out earlier this week that today, Friday, 19JUN20 could be the first day that pools *could* open in the county, the Board of Directors made the determination that the earliest we could safely open would be on Wednesday, 24JUN20 to allow us to implement the final requirements for compliance with Montgomery County guidelines (which was just finalized yesterday).

With that, our current plan is that we are going to *tentatively* open the pool and picnic area starting on Wednesday. NOTE: Our Big Pool and Middle Pool are licensed and approved and they are currently ready to be used. Wading Pools (i.e. our Baby Pool) are still going to be closed per the county regulations, and we not be able to open these until the county proceeds to at least Phase III of opening, but that hasn't been officially announced yet. This means that any child that is not potty-trained will not be permitted in the middle or main pool. The reason for this is that the baby pool (our small pool) is on a separate water and filtration system from the main and middle pool - which makes it much easier to deal with any potential issue that may arise in the baby pool. Since the middle and main pool are on the same system, it is much more difficult and time consuming to deal with a problem that may have happened in either of those pools. We understand that this may be very disappointing for some of our members that may have young children, but we're hopeful that we can get the baby pool open later in the summer.

We have staff ready! We have supplies ready! We're looking forward to having a great summer with you all! So... how is this going to work?

PLEASE TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

First and foremost, we respectfully ask that you take personal responsibility for monitoring the health and behaviors of you and your family members. It's going to be very important for the safety of all of the members and our staff that we maintain a healthy environment free from the COVID-19 Virus by following all the rules. The Club has been thoroughly cleaned and staff members have been directed with strict rules on monitoring their own health regularly and not exposing anyone. We ask that you please monitor your health before coming to the pool. If you are sick or even slightly sick, or showing any signs... please don't come to the Club. If you think you are sick... please get tested to confirm. Please note: If the Club get exposed to COVID-19, we will be required to close down for a period of time to respond accordingly... none of us want that!! We are assuming that you have been exposed to plenty of information about COVID-19... but if needed, below are additional websites for information and prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

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

MY FAMILY AND I ARE HEALTHY... WHAT'S NEXT?

With the Phase II opening of Montgomery County, County officials have indicated that we can open our pool **with restrictions**. Please note that we are going to do everything we can to provide as much as we can... but it may require patience as we work through this unique situation. Please trust that we will be monitoring what's working, what's not, and we will be adjusting our operations accordingly as needed. Here are the highlights:

CAPACITY LIMITS – We are going to be required to limit the number of members in the pool area to ensure that social distancing can be maintained. There will be a maximum capacity we will be allowed to have at one time. To enable all our members to have a fair opportunity to use the pool, we will be implementing an online registration system that will allow you to sign up for designated times for use. There will be a separate detailed communication on exactly how that will work coming out soon.

The process will work like a movie or park... you will register and make a reservation for that date/time/area of the pool you wish to use. We are REQUIRING that you make a reservation prior to coming to the Club – this allows us to account for the actual numbers of members in the pool area to ensure – first and foremost – your safety and the safety of our employees, and to ensure we are following the guidelines provided by the County. There will be limits to how many active registrations you can have at one time, to allow for other members to sign up. Also, there will be limits to how far in advance you will be able to sign up... again, to provide more opportunities for all members to get times.

More info to come on how this will work. The Club will send out another e-mail to the membership e-mail that we have on file that will explain how the reservation system will work with detailed instructions on how to set it up and how to make a reservation.

DESIGNATED RESERVED SPOTS – *There will be 10 areas of the pool that will be available for use and 13 seating areas in the pavilion and mulch area. The pool and picnic area are considered different – you must make a reservation for one or the other but can't use both at the same time.*

- *The pool areas will consist of six unique areas that will have a shallow area in addition to a deeper end (similar to a lap lane separated by a lane divider) , two areas in the diving well with each area having access to a diving board, and two areas in the middle pool (divided by a rope). All pool areas will have a designated seating area tied to it that is separated from other members. Each area will have five chairs set up.*
 - *Pool reservations are for 45-minute blocks – reservations will start at the beginning of the hour and then the whistle will blow 15 minutes before the end of the hour. It will be expected that members will clear the pool at the whistle so*

that the next member that has a reservation can transit into the pool area and allow our staff to clean the appropriate areas.

- *There will be three areas where picnic tables will be set up. There will be 5 picnic tables in the pavilion area, six picnic tables set up in the mulch area that will have a large canopy over them, and two picnic tables that will be in the mulch area that will be open with no coverings.*
 - *Reservations will be made in 2-hour blocks, but the whistle leading into the second hour will be when the members will have to leave the picnic area, so the reservation will effectively be for an hour and 45 minutes.*

All members of the family will be able to use the space that they reserve (both for the pool and picnic table areas). Family members should be registered on your membership. At this time, we are not allowing guests into the pool or picnic area to ensure safety and access to our membership. Hopefully, when the county goes to Phase III, we might be able to relax this restriction. Furthermore, ONLY family members may be in the area you reserve – regardless of how friendly you are with other members or what you have done outside of the club. The only exception to this is if you have a caregiver that is staying with you; they will be allowed in the same area as your family.

FACILITY LIMITATIONS – To help maintain a safe environment, locker rooms will be limited to bathroom use only. Showers will not be available. The Snack Bar will not be open and water fountains will not be available. Grills will initially not be available for use, but we're hoping to be able to open these up sooner rather than later. Staff will be required to do a full cleaning of the locker rooms / pool facilities at least twice a day. Staff will be wearing masks, and all members will be required to wear a face covering as they enter and exit the pool and picnic area. **YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING UPON ENTERING THE CLUBHOUSE** – if you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed to enter into the pool and picnic areas. This is for the safety of all of our members and staff. Once you are in your designated area, you may remove your face covering. The flow of the facilities will be adjusted to help limit exposure to other members. Obviously, there will be expanded rules that we will need to follow as part of our pool/tennis operations to stay up and running... be assured we plan to meet or exceed those expectations.

POOL HOURS – We are going to start with the following hours for the first week we are open. As we get comfortable with the daily operations of the pool and picnic area, we hope to extend the hours to include Early Bird Swimming (hopefully within a week of opening), Masters Swimming and Swim and Dive team in-water activities.

Monday through Thursday: 11am to 9pm

Friday through Sunday: 11am to 10pm

We fully appreciate this won't be the same experience as past years. Frankly, we can all appreciate that the whole world has changed!! It's going to be important that we all work together as a community to

make the best of this and take personal responsibility to look out for each other. We're expecting that if this is successful over time, Montgomery County will reduce the restrictions as part of Phase III and we'll certainly be monitoring opportunities to provide more as we can.

Our next communication will have detailed info on reserving spots and a listing of rules to be followed that you will need to agree to as part of getting a reservation.

Thank you for your patience and understanding... we're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Thanks,

Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Board of Directors.