

Reopening Guide for YMCA Camp Sherwin Outdoor Pool

Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes. By state order of Governor Tom Wolf, all patrons are required to wear a mask when entering and exiting the pool area. However, individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition (including children under the age of 2 years per CDC guidance) may enter the premises and are not required to provide documentation of such medical condition. The Y will require that patrons wear masks whenever possible, especially in common areas. Lifeguards are not required to wear masks while active lifeguarding. Masks should not be worn in the water.

Will you be checking temperatures before entering the Y?

- Patrons are required to have their temperature taken upon entry to the Y. This will happen with a touchless thermometer.
- Patrons with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter for one day.
- Patron temperatures are confidential and not kept on file by the YMCA.

Do I have to sign a waiver?

All patrons will be required to sign an additional waiver of liability prior to their first visit back. Patrons without a waiver on file will be asked to sign one electronically (please allow extra time to complete this).

How do I check in?

We'll use a "no-contact" check-in process by using your membership ID tag on your keychain or cell phone.

What are you doing to allow for physical distance between members?

Recommended social distancing capacities will be observed. Avoid group gatherings in and out of the water; members of the same household are not expected to follow social distancing requirements.

What is your cleaning protocol?

Staff will be cleaning high touch surface areas regularly using the CDC approved disinfecting process utilizing EPA registered and approved chemicals and equipment. The pool will be closed for 10 minutes at the top of each hour to allow staff time to clean and disinfect high touch areas such as railings, ladders, door handles etc.

What if a patron is exposed or tests positive for COVID-19?

The Y will follow recommendations and protocols provided by the Erie County Department of Health.

Is the pool/Splash Pad open to the public or guests of campers/members?

No. During Phase 1, only active, Y members and campers will be able to use the pool. Due to the Governor's guidelines, we are operating on reduced capacity of 40 people in the pool and 5 people at the Splash Pad. Please be respectful and self-limit your time at the pool/splash pad to time for others.

What am I permitted to bring to the Pool?

Members are permitted to bring chairs or blankets for seating and/or picnicking in the designated grass area 6 feet from others. YMCA lounge chairs will not be available at this time.

What else should I know?

Members will not be permitted to sit on the pool edge as it will interfere with lifeguard scanning and will not permit the lifeguard to observe the 6 feet social distancing guidelines. Lifejackets are available for use with adult supervision. After use lifejackets will be returned to the designated "used area" for cleaning and disinfecting. Inflatable flotation devices of any kind are not permitted.

Parental Supervision

During open swim, parents are responsible for supervising their children. This includes monitoring all social distancing requirements. All children ages 5 and under will be issued a red identification wrist band prior to entering the pool and are required to wear a lifejacket. An adult (18 or older) must accompany the child in the water and remain within one arm's reach, at all times. Children ages 6-12 must have an adult (18 or older) in the pool area. Therefore, children must be at least 13 years old to be in the pool without an adult.

Active Adult Supervision

Active adult supervision means that an adult 18 years or older must be in the water, within one arm's reach of the swimmer and maintain visual contact with the swimmer at all times while in the water. The adult must provide proper supervision to assist in the awareness of potential dangers of pools and water environments.

Age Sweeps

Age sweeps are performed by lifeguards when necessary or at times of rotation to ensure swimmers are in compliance with the age rules and the parental supervision policy. This is done by simply asking the swimmer what their age is and with whom they are swimming. Those not in compliance will be removed from the water and not permitted to swim until an adult is present.

Life Jackets

Coast Guard approved lifejackets are available on deck for inexperienced or non-swimmers to use. Other Coast Guard approved flotation devices may be used but are not provided. Active adult supervision is required while life jackets are in use. Non-swimmers in life jackets may enter the deep water without having completed the Deep Water Competency Swim Test but must have an adult in the water providing active supervision at the time. One adult per two non-swimmers is highly recommended. The lifeguards reserve the right to limit the ratio of child to parent based on circumstances and pool crowd conditions.

Deep Water Competency Swim Testing and Tagging: Test, Mark, and Protect

The YMCA Deep Water Competency Swim Test assesses swimming ability for deep water. All youth ages 17 and under require a Deep Water Competency Swim Test if they wish to swim in areas of the pool where the water level is above armpit depth. Those that complete the test successfully will be given a green disposable identification wrist band to indicate proficient deep water swimming skills to the lifeguards on duty. The green wrist band is issued to swimmers prior to entering the pool area at the desk. The wristband allows access to the areas in the pool where the water level is above armpit depth. Tests can be administered by Aquatic staff at times while not on guard or instructor duty. Swimmers must demonstrate the following skills without touching or grabbing the wall at any time to successfully complete the test:

- Swim 25 yards on front unassisted with head above water Tread water for one minute with ears and head above water
- Float on back for a minimum of 30 seconds and regain vertical position
- Jump in deep water and return to the surface
- Exit the pool without assistance

Children who cannot touch the bottom or decline to take the test or fail to demonstrate the required skills will be classified as an inexperienced swimmer. Inexperienced swimmers are considered non-swimmers and will remain in shallow water (armpit depth) and or wear a lifejacket. If a lifeguard questions the swim ability of a patron with a green wristband, the lifeguard reserves the right to revoke the green band and request a retest. A retest may be given only at a time when staff is available to administer the test.

FACILITY INFORMATION

What are the facility locations and hours?

The Pool & Splash Pad (weather permitting) will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-6 p.m., closed Wednesdays Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, open Fridays 12:45-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. weather permitting. The Y reserves the right to close the pool early due to low attendance and weather.

