



# Safe Experience Guide

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\*Based on Public Health Madison Dane county (PHMDC) current guidelines and Emergency Order #14, in effect March 10, 2021. This guide will be updated based on future orders.

## Facility Entry Preparation:

- Maximum capacity is set to 50% which is about 389 people. Our average patron daily load is 388 so even on a normal day, in a normal year the pool is only operating at 50% capacity though the entire day, not just at one time. Pool management will determine maximum capacity on the deck and in the pool to allow for social distancing.
- All sports must follow Gathering limits, which state that outside capacity cannot exceed 500 individuals, not including employees.
- Multiple teams (age groups) can practice at the same time provided different spaces are available. Separation by a lane line is approved as a different space.
- Current guidelines suggest a reservation system. If this guideline still exists by summer, each activity (lap swimming, open swim...) will have specific time slots that a member can reserve either online, by phone or at the front desk. Each activity will have different capacities to accommodate whatever else is happening in the pool simultaneously. When reserving a spot, an appropriate deck space (station) will be reserved as well. There will not be a separate reservation procedure for deck space.
- Members who come to the pool without a reservation will be considered "walk-ins". Walk ins will be permitted assuming space is available in the activity at that time.
- Locker rooms may be closed for the summer and if available, will be very limited use. Members are expected to come dressed to swim. Bathroom use and outdoor showers will be permitted.

### Check-In:

- Upon arrival, members must wear a mask or face covering, including while waiting to enter the facility. If a member forgets a face covering one will be supplied. Except under certain circumstances (such as lifeguards on stand), staff will also be wearing masks.
- CDC signage will be posted on our front doors stating that a member may not enter if they have any symptoms, recent exposure, or pose a risk of transmitting Covid-19.
- If reservations are required, checkers will confirm them, then each member will swipe their membership card and proceed to their designated activity in the facility.

## Pool and Deck Use:

• Various sized stations of deck furniture will be spaced 6 feet from another station. Stations are to be used by members of the same household. If extra deck furniture is available, members may request to have their deck station resized.

- While remaining masked, a guest will find a vacant station to place belongings. At the station the guest(s) may remove masks if staying at the station.
- If a member does not need a deck station, belongings may be placed in a cubby. Disinfectant will be supplied to clean the cubby when leaving.
- Except as noted below, a member on the deck, and not at their station, must wear a mask.
- Members have the option to walk straight to the pool without a mask or use the available clothesline to pin their mask while swimming.
- When exiting the pool, the member should put their mask back on.
- Prior to exiting the facility, we request members wipe down their station. Members should use the supplied wipes to clean their deck furniture, much like cleaning fitness equipment at a gym.
- Except for members sharing their station, members are reminded to social distance at all times in the pool area whether on the deck or in the water.

# Staff:

- Except when performing duties of a lifeguard on stand or engaged in strenuous cleaning, staff must wear a mask at all times. Social distancing will be used in situations when masks are not worn.
- Staff will wash hands upon clocking in.
- Lifeguards will be given their own fanny pack and whistle for the summer. They will be responsible for restocking their individual fanny pack before each shift. Fanny packs and whistles should stay at the pool in the employee's locker.
- Each guard will be given a tube to use for that entire shift. There will be no sharing of tubes during rotations. Guards must disinfect the tube after his/her shift.
- A Head Guard will monitor members who are leaving their station/pool. A break guard will be responsible for disinfecting that station before another guest may use it.
- Staff may not work if they are ill or have any flu-like symptoms.

## Swim Lessons:

- Each class will be given pool space to use for their course and should not go outside of that space unless using the diving well, or bathroom.
- Instructors of lower-level courses will teach in the water, and wear a face shield facing up to avoid air movement toward the participants.
- All classes have a capacity of 4-7 participants depending on the level.
- Instructors of upper-level courses will teach outside the water and wear a mask. Participants will socially distance when they are able.
- All instructors will be given a set of materials to use for their lessons in a mesh bag. Instructors will disinfect the mesh bag containing all the materials at the conclusion of each class.
- Participants should utilize the clothes line to pin their mask immediately before entering the water.

## Swim/Dive Team/Water Ballet:

- Coaches should wear masks while coaching their teams.
- Each age group should utilize different spaces if practice is at the same time.
- Participants should put their belongings in a cubby, keeping their mask on until the team is ready to enter the water.
- Once ready to enter the water participants should pin the mask to the clothes pin.

- After practice, participants should exit the water and locate their mask before walking to grab their belongings.
- All participants should remember social distancing guidelines and abide by them while in and out of the water. All dryland workouts will need to be conducted with masks when social distancing cannot be achieved
- Team members will need to exit the facility at the conclusion of practice.

#### **Aerobics:**

- Instructors will choose to teach in the water or on deck.
- Participants will be responsible for maintaining at 6ft distance from other participants.

#### Lap Swimming:

- Upon entry, lap swimmers may choose to use a deck station or a cubby to store belongings.
- Immediately before pool entry lap swimmers should use a provided clothes line to pin masks while swimming or leave the mask at their deck furniture and promptly get in the pool.
- Signage at each lane will indicate the lane speed, slow, medium or fast and the space where each number swimmer should take their breaks between sets. For example. If I am planning to swim fast, I will go to that designated lane. Then I will determine how many people are already in the lane. If there are 2 people in the lane, that makes me swimmer number 3. I will start and stop in location 3 on the lane map. See figure 1.
- Up to a maximum of four swimmers will be allowed per available lane. However, this may change and is dependent upon lane success.
- Each person is responsible for social distancing within the lane.
- Lifeguards have the right to kindly ask a patron to move to a better fitted lane speed.
- Failure to follow lane rules may result in lap swimming frequency limitations.



Figure 1