

CITY OF SPARTA
Special Council Meeting Agenda
May 26 2020

CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM
(meeting in person)

AMENDED

5:30 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Consideration of Opening Sparta Family Aquatic Center
Consideration of Sports Events in Sparta

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19

As public aquatic venues open in some areas, CDC offers the following considerations for the safety of those who operate, manage, and use public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds. Public aquatic venues can be operated and managed by:

- city or county governments
- apartment complexes
- membership clubs (for example, gyms)
- schools
- waterparks
- homeowners' associations

All decisions about implementing these considerations should be made locally, in collaboration with [local health officials](#). Operators of public aquatic venues can consult with local officials to determine if and how to implement these considerations while adjusting them to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local jurisdiction. Their implementation should also be informed by what is feasible, practical, and acceptable.

Promoting Behaviors that Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Public aquatic venues can consider different strategies to encourage healthy hygiene, including:

- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
 - Encouraging all staff, patrons, and swimmers to [wash their hands](#) often and cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Cloth Face Coverings
 - Encouraging the use of [cloth face coverings](#) as feasible. Face coverings are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.
 - Advise those wearing face coverings to not wear them in the water. Cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when they're wet.
- Staying Home
 - Educating staff, patrons, and swimmers about when to stay home (for example, if they have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days) and when they can safely [end their home isolation](#).
- Adequate Supplies
 - Ensuring adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene. Supplies include soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Signs and Messages
 - Posting [signs](#) about how to [stop the spread](#)  of COVID-19, [properly wash hands](#), [promote everyday protective measures](#) , and [properly use a cloth face covering](#)  in highly visible locations (for example, at deck entrances and at sinks).
 - Broadcasting [regular announcements about how to stop the spread on PA system](#).
 - Including messages about behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 in contracts with individual patrons or households, in emails, on facility websites (for example, posting online [videos](#)), through facility's [social media accounts](#), and on entrance tickets).

Maintaining Healthy Environments

To maintain healthy environments, operators of public aquatic venues may consider:

- Cleaning and Disinfection
 - [Cleaning and disinfecting](#) frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects each time they are used. For example:
 - Handrails, slides, and structures for climbing or playing
 - Lounge chairs, tabletops, pool noodles, and kickboards
 - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper-changing stations, and showers
 - Consulting with the company or engineer that designed the aquatic venue to decide which [List N disinfectants approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) [↗](#) (EPA) are best for your aquatic venue.
 - Setting up a system so that furniture (for example, lounge chairs) that needs to be cleaned and disinfected is kept separate from already cleaned and disinfected furniture.
 - Labeling containers for used equipment that has not yet been cleaned and disinfected and containers for cleaned and disinfected equipment.
 - Laundering towels and clothing according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water temperature and dry items completely.
 - Protecting shared furniture, equipment, towels, and clothing that has been cleaned and disinfected from becoming contaminated before use.
 - Ensuring [safe and correct use](#) and storage of disinfectants, including storing products securely away from children.
- Ventilation
 - Ensuring that ventilation systems of indoor spaces operate properly.
 - Increasing introduction and circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, or other methods. However, do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety risk to staff, patrons, or swimmers.
- Water Systems
 - [Taking steps](#) to ensure that all water systems (for example, drinking fountains, decorative fountains, hot tubs) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown to minimize the risk of [Legionnaires' disease](#) and other diseases associated with water.
- Modified Layouts
 - Changing deck layouts to ensure that in the standing and seating areas, individuals can remain at least 6 feet apart from those they don't live with.
- Physical Barriers and Guides
 - Providing physical cues or guides (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, and swimmers stay at least 6 feet apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.
- Communal Spaces
 - Staggering use of communal spaces (for example, in the water or breakroom), if possible, and [cleaning and disinfecting](#) frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects each time they are used.
- Shared Objects
 - Discouraging people from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect or that are meant to come in contact with the face (for example, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels).
 - Discouraging the sharing of items such as food, equipment, toys, and supplies with those they don't live with.
 - Ensuring adequate equipment for patrons and swimmers, such as kick boards and pool noodles, to minimize sharing to the extent possible, or limiting use of equipment by one group of users at a time and cleaning and disinfecting between use.

Maintaining Healthy Operations

To maintain healthy operations, operators of public aquatic venues may consider:

- Protections for Vulnerable Staff
 - Offering options such as telework or modified job responsibilities that reduce their risk of getting infected.
 - Limiting aquatic venue use to only staff, patrons, and swimmers who live in the local area, if feasible.
- Lifeguards and Water Safety
 - Ensuring that lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding are not also expected to monitor handwashing, use of cloth face coverings, or social distancing of others. Assign this monitoring responsibility to another staff member.
- Alterations of Public Aquatic Venues
 - Consulting the company or engineer that designed the aquatic venue before altering aquatic features (for example, slides and structures designed for climbing or playing).
- Regulatory Awareness
 - Being aware of local or state regulatory agency policies on gathering requirements or recommendations to determine if events, such as aquatic fitness classes, swim lessons, swim team practice, swim meets, or pool parties can be held.
- Staggered or Rotated Shifts
 - Staggering or rotating shifts to limit the number of staff present at the aquatic venue at the same time.
- Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact
 - Designating a staff member to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff should know who this person is and how to contact him or her.
- Gatherings
 - Avoiding group events, gatherings, or meetings both in and out of the water if social distancing of at least 6 feet between people who don't live together cannot be maintained. Exceptions to the social distancing guidance include:
 - Anyone rescuing a distressed swimmer, providing first aid, or performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with or without an automated external defibrillator.
 - Individuals in the process of evacuating an aquatic venue or entire facility due to an emergency.
 - If planned events must be conducted, staggering drop-off and pick-up times, as much as possible, to maintain distance of at least 6 feet between people who don't live together.
 - Asking parents to consider if their children are capable of staying at least 6 feet apart from people they don't live with before taking them to a public aquatic venue.
 - Limiting any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations.
- Communication Systems
 - Putting systems in place for:
 - Having staff, patrons, and swimmers self-report if they have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
 - Notifying [local health authorities](#) of COVID-19 cases.
 - Notifying staff, patrons, and swimmers (as feasible) of potential COVID-19 exposures while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) [↗](#) .
 - Notifying staff, patrons, and swimmers of aquatic venue closures.
- Leave Policies
 - Implementing sick leave (time off) policies and practices for staff that are flexible and non-punitive.

- Developing return-to-work policies aligned with CDC's [criteria to discontinue home isolation](#).
- Back-Up Staffing Plan
 - Monitoring absenteeism of staff and creating a roster of trained back-up staff.
- Staff Training
 - Training staff on all safety protocols.
 - Conducting training virtually or ensuring that [social distancing](#) is maintained during in-person training.
- Recognize Signs and Symptoms
 - Conducting daily health checks (for example, temperature screening or [symptom checking](#)) of staff. Ensure safe and respectful implementation that is aligned with any applicable privacy laws and regulations.
 - Consider using examples of screening methods in CDC's [General Business FAQs](#) as a guide.

Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

To prepare for when someone gets sick, operators of public aquatic venues may consider:

- Isolating and transporting those who are sick to their home or a healthcare provider.
 - Immediately separating staff, patrons, or swimmers with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) (for example, fever, cough, or shortness of breath).
 - Establishing procedures for safely transporting anyone sick to their home or to a healthcare provider.
- Notifying health officials and close contacts.
 - Immediately notifying [local health officials](#), staff, patrons, and swimmers of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) [↗](#) .
 - Informing those who have had [close contact](#) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and [self-monitor for symptoms](#), and follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.
- Cleaning and Disinfection
 - Closing off areas used by a sick person and not using the areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them.
 - Waiting more than 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting these areas. Ensuring [safe and correct](#) use and storage of [EPA-approved List N disinfectants](#) [↗](#) , including storing products securely away from children.

Other Resources

- [Latest COVID-19 information](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection](#)
- [Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [CDC Healthy Swimming](#)
- [CDC Steps of Healthy Swimming](#)
- [COVID-19 Prevention](#)
- [Handwashing Information](#)
- [Face Coverings](#)
- [Social Distancing](#)
- [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CDC communication resources](#)
- [Community Mitigation](#)



Monroe County Health Department

DATE: May 14, 2020
TO: Monroe County News Agencies
FROM: Sharon L. Nelson, RN, Director/Health Officer
RE: Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling COVID-19

Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling and COVID-19

In light of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling on May 13, Monroe County Health Department urges county residents to continue to take the necessary steps to continue to protect the health and safety of themselves, their families and community.

Now, more than ever, it is important to take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

- Stay home as much as possible
- Minimize physical contact with anyone outside of your household-maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself and others if you need to go out.
- Practice good hygiene:
 - Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
 - Avoid touching your face
- Wear a fabric face covering when you must be in public.

Businesses are also responsible for taking steps to protect the health of their employees and prevent transmission in their facilities. For recommendations, visit healthymonroecountywi.org/covidtoolkit.

Monroe County Health Department will continue to follow up on positive cases of COVID-19 and conduct contact tracing for contacts of positive cases.

For more information, contact Monroe County Health Department at 608-269-8666 or look to reliable sources such as:

- Monroe County's COVID-19 website: <https://healthymonroeco.org/covid-19>
- WI DHS COVID-19: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- CDC COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You can also follow Monroe County Health Department or Wisconsin Department of Health Services (@DHSWI) on Facebook.



Division of Food and Recreational Safety

May 21, 2020

Guidelines for Reopening Pools and Water Attractions

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread through water. However, as pools often welcome groups of people, it's important that everyone follow social distancing practices, and that pool operators ensure proper pool operation, and spacing and cleaning/sanitizing of deck furniture. Below are recommendations and advice for the following:

- General public
- Pool operators
- Various types of public pools and water attractions

Recommendations for General Public

- Swimmers should follow the aquatic facility's rules for social distancing and personal hygiene.
- Stay home when you are sick, especially with these symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, or any [COVID-19-related symptoms](#).

Recommendations for Pool Operators

Reminder: Public pools and water attractions must follow any local public health orders that would prohibit them from operating.

- Follow the general guidance above and [CDC guidance for swimming pools and water attractions](#).

- Each licensed public pool or water attraction facility should develop and follow a safety plan that describes enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces, employee health and hygiene requirements, and procedures for ensuring that the pool or water attraction is properly operating, including the maintenance of appropriate disinfectant levels.
- Shower rooms and toilets rooms should be frequently cleaned and sanitized.
- It is recommended that the drinking fountain not be used and that patrons be provided with bottled water.
- Each licensed facility should have someone on property to ensure that guidelines and regulations are followed. A facility may appoint an attendant or other staff member to perform these duties, as long as the facility is otherwise properly staffed. **A lifeguard, while serving as a lifeguard, may not perform duties of the attendant, such as monitoring social distancing.**
- For any pool, adequate disinfection will inactivate coronavirus, so careful attention must be paid to ensure that the pool has adequate disinfectant, proper ORP values in pools where that value is measured, and proper recirculation.
- Consider extra spacing for deck furniture.



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- Frequently clean and sanitize deck furniture (e.g., between users).
- Install hand washing or sanitizing stations (at least 60% alcohol) at the entrance to your facility, and at key locations throughout the facility where customers are likely to contact shared equipment. Encourage customers to use them.
- For any pool, proper recirculation will help to ensure that water is properly filtered. Frequently ensure that recirculation is adequate, and monitor disinfectant levels to ensure that the water has adequate disinfectant.
- The usual [CDC protocol for fecal accidents](#) must be followed for fecal accidents.
- For facilities with lifeguards, ensure first aid and lifeguard staff have proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for first aid and rescues. Visit [American Red Cross](#) for more.
- Do not let any employee (including yourself) who is exhibiting or has recently exhibited COVID-19 symptoms, or is taking any medication that suppresses symptoms, come to work for at least 72 hours after symptoms subside in the absence of the suppressant medication, or they have been cleared by a medical professional.
 - CDC offers [tips for identifying COVID-19 symptoms](#)
 - Employees who are well but have a family member sick with COVID-19 should notify their employer and refer to CDC guidance for [how to conduct a risk assessment](#) of their potential exposure.

Recommendations for Various Types of Public Pools & Water Attractions

Low use pools (condo, apartment, homeowner association, hotel/motel)

- The number of patrons in the enclosure should be based on the consideration that patrons may travel between the deck and into the basin. Pool capacity should be limited to allow for 6 feet of space for each patron at all times in the pool and on the deck (except for family groups).
- For whirlpools, it is recommended to measure the whirlpool and ensure social distancing of 6 feet. This may limit the whirlpool to one person.
- For low-use pools, consider using a reservation system to control access. One example is a family could reserve the pool for a half hour or more, depending on demand.
- It is recommended that exercise classes maintain 6 feet distance between participants.

Wading pools and splash pads

- Wading pools and splash pads should be staffed by an on-site attendant to monitor use.
- Travel through splash pad should allow for 6 feet of social distancing. Patrons should be encouraged to take turns moving through the splash pad.

Municipal pools, fitness centers, school pools, pools at waterparks, and all water attractions

- There should be an adequate number of attendants to ensure 6 feet of distancing between patrons who are not part of the



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same family. Facilities should consider placing markings on the floor to help patrons know where to stand.

- Patrons not part of the same family should follow social distancing guidelines.
- Operators should calculate how many occupants may be in the pool area so that patrons who are not members of the same family have 6 feet of spacing between each other.
- It is recommended that exercise classes maintain 6 feet between participants.

Competition pools or pools designed for lap swimming (lanes are 7-8 feet wide)

- One patron per lane at a time is suggested for lap swimming or competition.
- Patrons are expected to swim in the middle of the lane to allow for maximum distance between heads (approximately 7 feet).

Leisure rivers

- Traffic in the river must allow for 6 feet of distancing between riders who are not members of the same family.

Recommendations for slides

- Timing of sending riders down the slide must allow for only one person to be in the plunge basin at a time.

Wave pools and other rides with water moving patrons in a manner that has potential for close contact

- Patrons load should be restricted to ensure 6 feet of spacing between patrons at all times during the activity.

Recommendations for swimming lessons

- Follow [American Red Cross Learn to Swim guidance](#). This could mean that only lessons for more advanced swimmers, or parent-child lessons, will initially be allowed in order to discourage close contact of non-family members.

More Resources

- [CDC: Resources for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [OSHA: Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)
- [CDC: Healthy Swimming](#)



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RECREATION PROGRAMS - COVID-19

If we do not follow CDC & DHS recommendations...

- **Travel Softball**

We will start practicing June 1 and will start games once the CRSL releases a start date. CRSL has established League Sanitization Guidelines (*See Appendix A*) that all teams have to follow.

- **Practices:** at Memorial Park, recommend social distancing, only players and coaches are allowed at practices, sanitization practices are required
- **Games:** Sparta teams travel around the Coulee region and also host games bringing neighboring counties to Sparta.

- **In-House Baseball, Softball & Ragball** - Leagues/practices will start per usual in June.

- We will recommend social distancing and establish/enforce sanitization procedures during and after each softball and baseball session.
- No travel required.

- **Adult Leagues**

- Start the week of June 1
- Only players allowed at the field, no fans or family members allowed to gather
- We will recommend social distancing and establish/enforce sanitization procedures during and after each game

- **Adult Fitness Classes**

- Start classes back up with social distancing and establish/enforce sanitization procedures during and after each class
- Will hold more classes outside with minimal equipment.
- Will space out indoor classes with participants 6 ft apart and allow that number of people in each class only.

- **Adult Pickleball**

- Start back up in June at the Barney Center
- We will recommend social distancing and establish/enforce sanitization procedures during and after each game

If we do not follow CDC & DHS recommendations and no travel is allowed...

- **Travel Softball**

We will start practicing June 1 and will organize an in-house format with scrimmages and practice schedules.

- **Practices:** at Memorial Park, recommend social distancing, only players and coaches are allowed at practices, sanitization practices are required
- **Games:** No travel or outside towns to come to Sparta

- **In-House Baseball, Softball & Ragball** - No travel required

- **Adult Leagues** - No travel required

- **Adult Fitness Classes** - No travel required

If CDC and DHS recommendations are followed... (See Appendix B)

- No group gatherings larger than 10 participants, No unnecessary travel, 6ft social distancing, Enforce sanitization practices before, during and after small group gatherings
- **Travel Softball, In-House Softball & Baseball - Small Group Practices Only**

We will break the current softball and baseball teams up and offer small group camps that can focus on safe sanitization practice. Programs will be similar days and times as the current softball and baseball schedules.

When: 1-2 days a week (June 8 - July 31)

Where: Memorial Park

Who: Kindergarten - 18U Softball, SBC,

Time: 45 min to 1 hour, 15 min of sanitization between sessions

Opportunity: We will open registration back up to the public (SBC) once we establish dates and times for camps.
- **Adult Pickleball**
 - Start back up in June at the Barney Center
 - Player will have to register for hour sessions via rec pro
- **Adult Leagues**
 - **No softball Leagues**
 - Start 2 on 2 volleyball sand/grass league
 - Limit to 10 per game and space out games times to ensure large gatherings are not occurring
- **Adult Fitness Classes**

If NO Recreation programs are allowed this summer...

- **Encourage use of parks and outdoor recreation**
 - Highlight the park system (Park of the Month)
 - Create City Scavenger Hunts to do with their families
 - Make trails in Amundson
 - Clean up Frisbee Golf Course out at Amundson
- **Start Virtual Fitness Classes**
- **Establish Sport Equipment Rentals:** Customers will have the opportunity to rent sport specific equipment online and pick-up curbside. Renter will pay upfront for the cost of the equipment as a deposit and if we do not get the equipment back we will keep the deposit.
 - Softball/Baseball Kit: Bat, balls, helmet, etc.
 - Soccer Kit: Ball & cones.
 - Volleyball Kit: Ball.
 - Football: Ball, cones, kicking tee
- **Organize Virtual 5K Run/Walk**
 - Participation T-shirts
 - Minimum Cost just to cover shirts to support P&P
 - Online Registration
 - Email in results

- Cumulative results will be posted on Sparta Parks & Rec website
- **Create Virtual Sport Tutorials**

Appendix A: COVID-19 CRSL RULES & REGULATIONS

*These rules have been updated 5-11-20 and are subject to change at the discretion of the league. We are living in an ever changing environment and we must be prepared for change. We feel these regulations will help our youth safely get back to the sport they love this summer. We have used several resources, organizations and guidelines to come up with these regulations. Although some of these may be difficult for some to grasp we feel this is our best opportunity to have our youth compete this summer.

1. Games will not be able to happen until Wisconsin Government reaches Phase II of this pandemic. This will allow 50 people to gather in one area. **Until we enter Phase II no practices or gatherings of more than 10 people can occur.** Under this phase we ask that our vulnerable population stay at home and not attend games. (we will also be respectful to our neighbors in MN)
2. Under Phase II Social Distancing must be respected by all parents, spectators and umpires. **Spectators are not allowed to use bleachers and are asked to bring their own seating.** No parent/spectator is allowed between 3rd base and 1st base behind the plate. **Parents must watch from beyond first or third base or in the outfield while following social distancing guidelines.**
3. **Dugouts are limited to 3-5 players while using social distancing guidelines.** Teams are asked to use the area behind the dugout, and the areas from home plate to either foul base as their dugout. Teams should line up in their batting order in their designated "dugout" area for their at bats. Coaches should mark these areas adequately.
4. Players are asked to use their own equipment when available. **If others are using equipment those items must be sanitized before each use.**
5. Players are asked to leave unnecessary equipment in their parent's car. This includes bat bags, extra gloves, extra bats & ect.
6. Players are asked to wear batting gloves whenever possible.
7. Teams will be asked to provide their own balls for the field. **1 appointed coach is asked to sanitize used items after each use.** This coach will also sanitize the ball after each inning. This coach will also be responsible for retrieving all foul balls for his team's ball. **Only the players on the field and the "sanitize" coach is allowed to touch the ball.**
8. **A maximum of 3 coaches per team.** This includes the sanitized coach. All coaches must abide by social distancing guidelines when coaching 1st & 3rd base & at all times.
9. Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume during and after practice/games. **No public drinking fountains will be available. No concessions will be allowed to be open.**
10. At the pregame meeting with coaches and umpires must abide by social distancing. NO handshakes are allowed.
11. Players and coaches are to refrain from "high fives" or ANY physical contact. Simple chants and verbal expressions are asked to be used.
12. Umpires must remain social distance at ALL TIMES. **This includes the behind the plate umpire, he or she will stand behind the pitcher and must abide by 6 ft. social distancing.** No umpires will be allowed to stand behind the catcher this season.
13. **Players are asked to sanitize between each inning. All equipment should be sanitized each inning.**
14. At the conclusion of each game players will lineup at their respective foul line and "tip their cap" to their opponent as a sign of sportsmanship. 6 feet social distancing must be kept and by teammates & opponents.

Remember these regulations are subject to change. Thank you for reading and please let us know if you have any questions. It is important for our government to enter Badger Bounce Back Plan Phase II. We are prepared for anything but we know how important sports are to the development of our youth. We take these decisions very seriously and are prepared for anything. Thanks for understanding!

Appendix B: DHS COVID RECOMMENDATIONS

At this time, the Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends that all youth sporting events planned for this spring and summer be postponed or canceled due to the spread of COVID-19. Until we meet the benchmarks established in the Badger Bounce Back plan, it is not safe to bring together groups of youth and coaches for practice or to host sporting events. You can track the state's progress on these benchmarks on the [DHS COVID-19 Response website](#).

DHS recommends that individuals avoid all public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit. This applies to events like youth sporting events and team practice. We will re-evaluate this recommendation on in-person public events once Wisconsin has seen progress in the "gating criteria," including a sustained downward trend in COVID-19 cases, and the ability of hospitals and health systems to treat all patients. This is a rapidly changing and evolving situation, but it is unlikely that any large gatherings would be recommended throughout the summer.

Youth sporting events present unique challenges, as successful events typically bring in large numbers of teams and families from a wide geographic area, and many require regular interactions between team members and opposing teams. In addition, communal areas like vendor stalls, shelters, and bathrooms at such events makes it especially challenging to accommodate necessary physical distancing and sanitation recommendations during this time.

DHS understands that there are many positive benefits from participating in youth sports, and that children and families look forward to attending sporting events in the spring and summer. A child and their family can still acquire some of the same benefits of being physically active by going for a family walk, bike ride, or other physical activities that follow safe social distancing guidelines.

Actions to Take

- Stay informed about local COVID-19 information and updates. We recommend checking the website or social media of your local health department and [the Department of Health Services website](#) for the most updated information.
- Close all sporting facilities and fields, and limit services to only needed maintenance and upkeep. Post relevant signage indicating limitations on use.
- Coaches can:
 - Consider ways to provide practice virtually or guiding individual practice by providing at-home training instructions.
 - Host virtual team calls or send out team emails to keep the team members connected, provide support and encouragement, and offer tips to stay in shape and practice skills.

Once it is safe to start holding youth sporting events again, you should coordinate with local public health departments, families, and other community members to ensure that any sporting event meets all expectations and requirements for social distancing or other public health protections.

Resources:

[CDC Considerations for Youth Sports](#)

[CDC Recreational Facility Guidance](#)

[Return to Play: COVID-19 Risk Assessment Tool](#)

[U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee \(USOPC\) guidance on Sports and Events](#)

Coronavirus & Youth Sports Project Play Resources

Tentative 2020 Pool Plan/Questions

Structure

Monday-Friday

- 6am-8am: Lap Swim/Propulsion Walking
- **Disinfect**
- 9am-10:30am: Swim Lessons
- **Disinfect**
- Noon-4pm: Open Swim
 - 106 people in the facility
 - Diving Board/Slide/Tubes/Frog Slide??
 - Concessions?
- **Disinfect**
- 5pm-7pm: Swim Lessons
- **Disinfect**

Saturday-Sunday

- 12:30pm-8:30pm: Open Swim
 - 106 people in the facility
 - Break from 4-5pm to **disinfect**
- **Recommendations**
 1. Do not open high touch zones like tubes, slide, diving board, frog slide, lily pads
 - a. CDC recommends disinfecting after each use for shared things.
 2. Do not open concession stands
 - a. We can use that staff as social distancing enforcers.
 3. Take chairs out of the facility and promote to bring your own
 4. Promote come prepared to swim
 - a. In the center hallway, exit out the gate
 - b. Only use restrooms/Locker rooms for restroom purposes only.
 5. Cut down our swim lesson class numbers/sizes
 - a. Also a bigger loss but necessary for social distancing.
 6. No Swim Passes

Potential Courses Cancelled

- Log Rolling
- Swim Team

Recommended Items to not use

- Diving Board

- Tubes/Slide
- Frog Slide
- Lily Pads
- Chairs
- Concessions

Ways we can make it work

- Block off lockers room entrance and only allow entrance through main hallway.
- Exit through West gate closest to bathhouse.
- Disinfect after each major program including:
 - Wysi Wash
 - Disinfect each major touch point:
 - Swim lesson props
 - Railings
 - Front Desk
 - Bathrooms
 - Bathhouse Floors
- According to the Red Cross and CDC Lifeguards will not be responsible to monitor social distancing.
 - We can have the concession stand workers be the social distancing monitors.
- Come dressed and ready to swim, no changing at the Aquatic Center.
- Assign each guard their own tube for the summer.

Potential Problems with running a pool that way

- Major disinfectant costs
- Disinfecting with the wysi wash and other chemicals could severely alter the chemistry of the pool and potentially give us illegal numbers at times.
- Is a 15 year old going to be able to tell people to social distance?
- If we cut down swim lesson numbers we will have frustrated underserved tax payers.
- No concession stand will cut our revenue
- Having a significant cap on people will severely decrease our revenue and our staff cost will stay the same or go up.
- If we decide to have concession stand and chairs
 - Masks and gloves in the concession stand/front desk
 - If we require them and they become unavailable are we liable if someone gets sick?
 - CDC recommends disinfecting after each use for shared things (chairs)
- We will have to purchase more guard tubes to assign one per person.

2019 Recap

Expenses		Income	
Item	Cost	item	Revenue
Pool Chemicals(2019)	\$ 20,467.78	Admissions	\$ 33,271.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 3,307.00	Swimming Lessons	\$ 6,160.00
Repairs/Maintenance (2019)	\$ 3,913.00	Pool Passes	\$ 28,469.00
Pool Operating w/o Cleaning Supplies	\$ 9,000.00	Concession Stand	\$ 16,882.00
Staff wages (2019)	\$ 109,000.00		
Conc. Stand Cost	\$ 8,869.16		
Pool Phone	\$ 2,000.00		
Pool Water	\$ 5,000.00		
Pool Electricity	\$ 19,000.00		
Pool Gas	\$ 6,500.00		
Benefits	\$ 9,020.55		
Total	\$ 196,077.49	Total	\$ 84,782.00

Extra Glove cost	\$ 400.00
Disposable Masks	\$ 165.00
Wysi Wash	\$ 340.00
Wysi Wash Supplies	\$ 973.50

Total on the Year	\$ 111,295.49
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Main Pool 480,000 gallons
 Lazy River 90,000 gallons

2020 w/o Lazy River or Concessions @ 25% Occupancy

Expenses	
Item	Cost
Pool Chemicals(2019)	20,467.78
Cleaning Supplies	3,307.00
Repairs/Maintenance (2019)	3,913
Pool Operating w/o Cleaning Supplies	9,000.00
Staff wages (2019)	109,000.00
Social Distance staff	
Extra Glove cost	\$400.00
Disposable Masks	\$165.00
Wysi Wash	\$340.00
Wysi Wash Supplies	\$973.50
Pool Phone	\$2,000.00
Pool Water	\$ 4,000.00
Pool Electricity	\$ 15,200.00
Pool Gas	\$ 5,200.00
Benefits	\$9,020.55

Total	\$ 182,986.83
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Income	2020 @ 25% Occupancy
item	Revenue
Admissions	8310
Swimming Lessons	4000
Concession Stand	0
Total	\$12,310.00

Total on the Year	\$ 170,676.83
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Main Pool 480,000 gallons
 Lazy River 90,000 gallons

2020 Pool w/o concessions or lazy river @ 50%

Expenses	
Item	Cost
Pool Chemicals(2019)	20,467.78
Cleaning Supplies	3,307.00
Repairs/Maintenance (2019)	3,913
Pool Operating w/o Cleaning Supplies	9,000.00
Staff wages (2019)	109,000.00
Social Distance staff	
Extra Glove cost	\$400.00
Disposable Masks	\$165.00
Wysi Wash	\$340.00
Wysi Wash Supplies	\$973.50
Pool Phone	\$2,000.00
Pool Water	\$ 4,000.00
Pool Electricity	\$ 15,200.00
Pool Gas	\$ 5,200.00
Benefits	\$9,020.55

Total	\$ 182,986.83
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Income	50% Occupancy
item	Revenue
Admissions	\$16,626
Swimming Lessons	4,000
Total	\$20,625.50

Total on the Year	\$ 162,361.33
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2020 w/o concession or lazy river @ 75% occupancy

Expenses	
Item	Cost
Pool Chemicals(2019)	20,467.78
Cleaning Supplies	3,307.00
Repairs/Maintenance (2019)	3,913
Pool Operating w/o Cleaning Supplies	9,000.00
Staff wages (2019)	109,000.00
Social Distance staff	
Extra Glove cost	\$400.00
Disposable Masks	\$165.00
Wysi Wash	\$340.00
Wysi Wash Supplies	\$973.50
Pool Phone	\$2,000.00
Pool Water	\$ 4,000.00
Pool Electricity	\$ 15,200.00
Pool Gas	\$ 5,200.00
Benefits	\$9,020.55

Income	75% Occupancy
item	Revenue
Admissions	\$24,953
Swimming Lessons	5,000
Total	\$29,953.25

Total on the Year	\$ 153,033.58
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Total	\$ 182,986.83
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At this time, the Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends that all youth sporting events planned for this spring and summer be postponed or canceled due to the spread of COVID-19. Until we meet the benchmarks established in the Badger Bounce Back plan, it is not safe to bring together groups of youth and coaches for practice or to host sporting events. You can track the state's progress on these benchmarks on the [DHS COVID-19 Response website](#).

DHS recommends that individuals avoid all public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit. This applies to events like youth sporting events and team practice. We will re-evaluate this recommendation on in-person public events once Wisconsin has seen progress in the "gating criteria," including a sustained downward trend in COVID-19 cases, and the ability of hospitals and health systems to treat all patients. This is a rapidly changing and evolving situation, but it is unlikely that any large gatherings would be recommended throughout the summer.

Youth sporting events present unique challenges, as successful events typically bring in large numbers of teams and families from a wide geographic area, and many require regular interactions between team members and opposing teams. In addition, communal areas like vendor stalls, shelters, and bathrooms at such events makes it especially challenging to accommodate necessary physical distancing and sanitation recommendations during this time.

DHS understands that there are many positive benefits from participating in youth sports, and that children and families look forward to attending sporting events in the spring and summer. A child and their family can still acquire some of the same benefits of being physically active by going for a family walk, bike ride, or other physical activities that follow safe social distancing guidelines.

Actions to Take

Stay informed about local COVID-19 information and updates. We recommend checking the website or social media of your local health department and [the Department of Health Services website](#) for the most updated information.

Close all sporting facilities and fields, and limit services to only needed maintenance and upkeep. Post relevant signage indicating limitations on use.

Coaches can:

Consider ways to provide practice virtually or guiding individual practice by providing at-home training instructions.

Host virtual team calls or send out team emails to keep the team members connected, provide support and encouragement, and offer tips to stay in shape and practice skills.

Once it is safe to start holding youth sporting events again, you should coordinate with local public health departments, families, and other community members to ensure that any sporting event meets all expectations and requirements for social distancing or other public health protections.