



# Herbert Johnson Pool Re-Opening Plan

Killington, VT

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## Goal

As with all exercise and activity at this time, swimming must comply with standards for social distancing and safety within aquatic facilities. The CDC has indicated that there is no evidence the disease spreads through treated water. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water. Our goal is to re-open the Killington community pool in a phased approach that will minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread and will allow for contact tracing, if necessary.



## Resources

[https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32\\_2](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32_2)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

<https://www.vrpa.org/COVID-19-Resources> (This refers pool info back to CDC link above)

<https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-be-smart-stay-safe-order#phased-restart> (most relevant are sections 4.1 and 8.1)

<https://www.swimmingworldmagazine.com/news/the-steps-needed-to-safely-opening-pools-as-restrictions-ease/>

## Facility Procedures

### Disinfecting

When cleaning/disinfecting proper PPE should be worn always included but not limited to:

- Gloves
- Eye Protection
- Face Mask

The pool water is constantly being disinfected by chlorine, but there may be a need for extra disinfecting of items outside of the pool, such as:

- Door handles, handrails, pool ladders, diving boards, doors, faucets, sinks, soap and paper towel dispensers, toilet flush levers and baby changing stations, light switches, lifeguard chairs and equipment

Lifeguards and Head Staff will clean these items after a group leaves the facility. At the very least disinfecting will occur every 2 hours.

### Pool Equipment

Patrons must bring their own chairs. No shared equipment will be at the pool for 2020 summer, this includes but not limited to: Goggles, Water Toys, Kickboards, flippers, exercise equipment.

### Capacity

25 people including staff.



## Staffing

For the hours the pool is open a Safety Manager will be on site at the pool. At minimum there will always be two lifeguards on duty.

## Bathrooms

One bathroom will be designated for use by employees. One bathroom will be designated for patron use. The bathrooms will be universal sex bathrooms and should be used only for emergencies. Only one person may use the bathroom at a time. One adult may accompany a child that needs assistance in the bathroom.

## Schedules and Public Use

### Health Screening for each patron

All Patrons entering facility the following questions will be asked

1. Have you been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19?
2. Do they feel unwell with symptoms consistent with COVID-19? Have they had cough, high temperature, shortness of breath, difficult breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of smell or taste?

If any answers are YES, they will not be able to come into the facility.

Patrons will need to have a signed waiver and health check that identifies each member of their party with contact information. Cones will be placed 6' apart for patrons to wait in household groups.

## Signage

### COVID-19 WARNING

- The danger of exposure to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 exists.
- By entering the pool, you take responsibility for your own protection and for disinfecting your hands and anything you touch in the pool area.
- Do not use the pool if you have a cough, fever or other symptoms of illness.
- Maintain at least 6 feet between you and other people who are not a part of your household.



## Open Swim

Open swim will be available to the community by reservation only and will be conducted as a program. A daily charge will be collected upon registration. Registrations will be taken over the phone 24 hours in advance. Set time slots will be available with 15 minutes of clearing pool and disinfecting between each scheduled group.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children maintain physical distancing. Our Safety Manager will remind patrons to socially distance themselves, but parents are ultimately responsible for their children.

No child under the age of 14 will be permitted in the pool area without a responsible adult that remains in attendance at the pool for the duration of the swim period. A parent or guardian must sign the waiver/health check for all children under the age of 18 and must supply the guardian's contact information for contact tracing purposes. Waiver/health checks will be available to print online.

## Swimming Safely Recommendations

### PREPARING TO SWIM

- Wash your hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds or longer) or use a hand sanitizer before entering the pool area.
- Patrons will enter pool area through the double gates by the pool house.
- Do not share equipment.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve/arm area.
- Arrive as close as possible to when activity begins.
- Avoid touching gates, fences, benches, etc.
- Do not come to the pool if you, or a member of your household does not feel well.
- Patrons will be required to use cloth facial coverings when not in the pool and outside their designated-lawn space.

### WHEN SWIMMING

- Follow directions for spacing and stay at least six feet apart from others.
- Lane lines will remain in the pool when visitors are present.
- Do not make physical contact with others, such as shaking hands or giving a high five.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, or towels.
- Wear your suit to and from the pool.



- Face masks are NOT to be used while swimming.
- Group games such as water volleyball, water basketball, cross pool, which involve multiple people interacting in proximity will not be permitted.
- There will be a maximum of 4 people in the shallow end of the pool by the stairs.
- Divers must wait in line for the diving board 6' apart. Markers will be placed on the ground.
- Lap swim = one person per lane. If swimmers are "on the wall" they must remain socially distant from other swimmers in the pool.

#### AFTER SWIMMING

- Spaces 10' in diameter or 10'x10' will be painted on the grass area that are a minimum of 6' apart. This distance will allow other patrons to pass by safely. Only members of the same household may sit in the same designated area.
- Leave the facility as soon as your scheduled swim time is over.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer after leaving the pool.
- The locker room and showers will not be open. Change at home.
- No extra-curricular or social activity should take place. Do not congregate after swimming.
- Patrons will be given a 10 minute and 5-minute warning before they need to be completely cleared of the pool area (exited).
- Patrons will clear the pool area completely via the gate by the pavilion.

If patrons do not follow social distancing guidelines, they will be asked to leave the pool area (without a refund for those that paid a daily fee).

#### Concessions

At this time, concessions will not be offered.

#### Staff Safety

- Staff will follow all VOSHA guidelines for COVID-19 safety including daily temperature checks when reporting to work, maintaining 6' distance from other people whenever possible.
- Staff will wear face masks, except for on the guard chair or if in the pool.
- No one should come to the workplace if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms including shortness of breath, cold or flu symptoms, or if have had a fever in the past 24 hours.



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- Staff will need to maintain a 6' distance while working as much as possible. Use social distancing at work, avoiding large meetings, close training, and proximity to others.
- Practice good personal hygiene, including regular hand washing.
- Use universal precautions when providing medical aid. Avoid mouth-to-mouth or mouth-to-mask resuscitation. Use a bag-valve-mask or positive pressure ventilator, in either case with a HEPA or N95 filter.
- Avoid touching other people, including your fellow lifeguards, unless necessary.
- If you feel ill, advise your supervisor.
- Each lifeguard will be issued their own N-95 mask and eye protection. These masks must be kept in a plastic bag with the lifeguard's name on it and must be in each lifeguard's rescue bag.
- Staff will, except when entering the water, wear a fabric mask or buff clearly visible to the public on their person.
- When making physical contact with any pool patron on land, employees are required to use appropriate PPE including, but not limited to, an N-95 mask securely covering the mouth and nose, surgical gloves, and eye protection. Gloves should be immediately disposed of after physical contact. N-95 masks should be donned according to the CDC guidelines.
- When making physical contact with any pool patron on land, employees should practice good hand hygiene. This means using an alcohol-based hand sanitizing gel before and after physical contact, and/or washing thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Gloves are not a substitute for good hand washing/cleaning.
- When making a water rescue, employees are strongly encouraged to use the buoy extension method for initial contact. "Extension method" involves extending the buoy out to the victim, calming them, then approaching from the rear to secure the rescue tube. When victims require immediate contact, the surf zone method will still be used. "Surf zone method" involved pushing the rescue tube sideways into the mid-section/chest of the victim to stabilize them quickly before wrapping them.
- When training outside on land, every effort should be made to maintain 6 feet and use coverings for mouth and nose unless the specific activity requires an exception.
- Buoys will be issued one per lifeguard for an entire shift and they will be cleaned after the shift is over.

## Contact

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