

## COVID-19 Outdoor Pool Standards

### COVID-19 Pool Operations Prevention Plan

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 153 (2020), the Township of Livingston will adhere to the following guidelines in accordance with the NJ Department of Health and the CDC.

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# I. Staffing and Pool Facility Operations

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The Township of Livingston will hire adequate Aquatic staff and development and will implement protocols for staff training and pool operations, including but not limited to:

- A. In addition to all required training, all Aquatic Facility Staff will be required to complete and pass: SAI Course - *COVID-19: What you need to know*. Documentation will be kept with staff records.
  - 1. Staff will also be trained on COVID-19 awareness, cleaning and sanitizing procedures to perform their assigned duties in a manner that promotes the safety of public and staff.
  - 2. Aquatic Supervisor must also complete *ASTHO Making Contact: Training for COVID-19 contact tracers*.
- B. Each Lifeguard will receive a personal pack that will include the following:
  - 1. Masks, gloves, alcohol wipes, personal CPR mask with 1-way valve. All PPE supplies will be made available to staff.
- C. In the event of Non-compliance with any activities required by Executive Order 153 (2020), staff will adhere to Emergency Procedures and contact authorities.
- D. Policy for screening staff entering the facility includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Temperature readings of staff entering the facility:
    - a. Persons who have a fever of 100.4° F. or above or who have other signs of COVID-19 illness will not be admitted to the facilities.
- E. Documented screening for signs of COVID-19 illness at designated entry points prior to being permitted to enter the facility will be kept daily for all staff.
  - 1. Symptoms related to COVID-10 include:
    - a. Fevers or chills
    - b. Cough
    - c. Shortness of breath
    - d. Fatigue
    - e. Muscle or body aches
    - f. Headache
    - g. New loss of taste or smell
    - h. Sore throat
    - i. Congestion or runny nose
    - j. Nausea or vomiting
- K. Diarrhea

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## II. Admittance and Access to the Facility for Members

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- A. At both pool locations, a separate entrance and exit will be designated.
  - 1. Six-foot spacing will be designated at both entrance and exit.
- B. At designated entry points, signage will be posted on the following:
  - 1. Members should be on the alert for signs of illness.
    - a. See Section I. (E.1.) of this document for symptoms of COVID-19 illness.
  - 2. Members should stay home when they have symptoms of COVID-19.
  - 3. Proper hand washing and hygiene.
  - 4. Proper social distancing.
- C. Credit Cards will be accepted at both facilities to limit physical interactions.
- D. Capacity restrictions will be observed:
  - 1. Capacity must be reduced to 50% of the maximum capacity for the facility and grounds at one time.
  - 2. Daily attendance records will be maintained for both staff and members to facilitate potential contact tracing.

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## III. Infection Control Strategies

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All pool facilities shall implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

- A. Designate a COVID-19 Emergency Care Room
  - 1. As required by the public recreational bathing standard, an emergency care room will be designated at each pool location, to be utilized for the emergency care of injured/ill bathers.
  - 2. Documented emergency care space cleaning procedures consistent with the cleaning and disinfecting procedures identified in Section III.(D.1.a.) of this document.
- B. Aquatics staff will follow current Communicable Disease Service guidance for all illness reporting: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/>.

- C. To remain compliant with CDC guidance, any individual who displays COVID-19 related symptoms will be isolated until proper identifying documentation can be completed.
  - 1. Once the ill member has been properly identified, they will be required to leave the facility immediately.
  - 2. The Local Health Department will be notified immediately for follow up.
- D. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be implemented using Environment Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectants and following CDC guidance that includes frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas (e.g., restrooms, showers and changing rooms) and major touch points.
  - 1. The procedures will include, at a minimum:
    - a. Cleaning Solution Disinfectant approved by the CDC and EPA to kill Coronavirus.
      - (1) Spray Nine Heavy Duty EPA #6659-3
      - (2) Diamond Disinfectant 1000 (Maquat 10) EPA #10324-63
    - b. Frequent sanitization of any areas opened to the public including, at minimum, the following cleaning protocols:
      - (1) Routine cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces several times daily and shared objects after each use in accordance with CDC guidance.
        - (a) Frequently touched surfaces include but are not limited to: staff ticket or sales booths, lifeguard stands, lifesaving equipment, railings, and medical area supplies and equipment – particularly in spaces that are accessible to staff, the public, or other individuals.
    - c. Hand sanitizer stations will be provided throughout each pool facility.
    - d. Members will be required to use the provided hand sanitizer prior to entering a pool facility.
- E. All public shared seating and tables will be removed from both pool complexes.
  - 1. Members will be encouraged to bring their own seating.

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## IV. Restrooms and Shower Access

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Signage will be posted to remind staff and members of the following:

- A. Foot coverings will be required within restroom, shower area, and locker rooms.
  - B. Occupancy in restrooms, shower areas, and locker rooms will be limited to the number of stalls at each location.
  - C. Social distancing must be maintained and masks must be worn inside the facilities.
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## V. Face Masks, Gloves, and Social Distancing Strategies

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Staff and patrons are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering while not in the pool when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health.

### A. Face Masks and Gloves

- 1. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.
- 2. Face coverings should NOT be allowed in the water due to increased risk of drowning.
- 3. Lifeguards should NOT wear a face covering while on duty actively lifeguarding.
  - a. Lifeguards are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering when they are not on duty actively lifeguarding and cannot maintain social distancing of 6 feet.

### B. Social Distancing

- 1. Livingston Township Pools will implement the following measures to ensure and encourage social distancing:
  - a. Signage encouraging 6-foot social distancing while in the water, unless the individual needs assistance in order to swim, except immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners.
  - b. Signage encouraging 6-foot social distancing on the pool deck, except for immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners.
  - c. Eliminating all benches and tables to encourage social distancing.
  - d. Controlling crowd flow using visible markings, posting or signage.
  - e. Marking and posting signs that denote 6 feet of spacing in all commonly used and other applicable areas or where people may form a line.

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## VI. Communication Plan

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- A. The Township of Livingston will utilize the following methods to ensure a continuous public outreach, to communicate restrictions, set expectations, and emphasize the importance of social distancing and hygiene:
1. Post highly visible signage.
  2. Updated website with guidelines.
  3. Send member emails.
- B. Pool facilities will post signage as provided by the CDC indicating the following:
1. Face coverings are strongly encouraged.
  2. Face coverings should NOT be worn in the water, as they increase the risk of drowning.
  3. Hands should be washed frequently and for 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice) with soap and water.
    - a. Water temperature is not important; clean cold and warm water work equally well.
  3. Hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol should be used if soap and water are not available.
  4. Avoid touching your face (especially eyes, nose or mouth) with unwashed hands.
  5. Stay home if you are sick.
  6. Practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings.

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## VII. Food Services

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Concession stand at both pool locations will limit their menu to pre-packaged foods and drinks only. Tables will be removed.

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## VIII. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

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Emergency evacuation procedures for both the Haines pool and Northland pool complexes have been updated to include social distancing protocols to allow for safe evacuation and maintenance of all applicable guidance contained herein.

Emergency procedures can be found in the Aquatic Facility Plans for each complex.