



## **Deer Lake Pool Opening 2020 Season Guidelines Draft Published on July 27, 2020**

The DeerLake Board of Directors has been working hard on a plan to reopen our pool safely while meeting the guidelines of Governor Kemp's Executive Order.

We are taking recommendations also from Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), the CDC and Sears, our pool management company to meet the mandates of the EO. We will continue to monitor the guidelines and recommendations to develop our best effort to provide as safe an environment as possible for those wanting to enjoy our pool this summer.

While we are excited to get the pool open for member use, please be aware that this is a fluid plan and may be adjusted based on current events, changes to guidelines and how well we manage the flow of members at the pool. There will be numerous modifications to our normal operations and procedures that will need to take place for a safe reopening. We have developed the Pool Opening Plan outlined below for the initial opening of the pool respecting social distancing and health guidelines while maintaining a clean swimming environment.

Our Board is formed from volunteers who are your neighbors and residents of this community. Therefore, the Board wants to avoid us having to police the neighborhood and we do not have the resources to keep watch of all pool activities. That said, residents will need to do their part in the community to help ensure patrons are adhering to the guidelines, as it is not the job of the lifeguard. If we find repeated violations and non-adherence to the guidelines, the Board will be forced to close our pool.

## Pool Operating Plan

To reduce the risk of spreading or contracting Covid-19 at our pool, we have provided the following guidelines and procedures. It is imperative that any residents who decide to use the pool this season follow these guidelines.

- 1. Per CDC recommendations:** “if you or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay home until the CDC’s published isolation criteria are met” and not enter the pool area.
- 2. Limited Time to Stay at the pool.** We are asking all residents who go to the pool to limit your stay to 3 hours to allow others to use the pool. Also, NO children under the age of 14 allowed unless accompanied by their parent(s). Therefore, it is especially important that everyone leaves in a timely fashion. High Touch points will be sanitized twice a day. Our reduced capacity will be set at 50 members. This is set to be able to adhere to 6’ social distancing.
- 3. Members Only.** Only members will be allowed to use the Deer Lake pool during the COVID 19 restriction. We are asking that you respect this non-member and guest restriction to ensure that there is plenty of capacity for members.
- 4. Bring your own chairs.** We are not able to have pool furniture cleaned and disinfected after each use, so we are asking residents to utilize their own chairs during this time.
- 5. Practice Social Distancing.** Keep a minimum distance of six (6) feet between family units. This policy will be self-policed. Social distancing in the water must be respected. Do not remain near pool steps so that members can enter and exit the water.
- 6. No pool floats/balls/noodles, etc.** Floats, noodles, balls, etc. will not be allowed in the pool. Children may wear floaties.

7. **Do NOT use grill.** We are asking residents to refrain from using the grill until further notice.
8. **Pool Rules.** Members are expected to adhere to normal and standard pool rules.
9. **In the event of a Covid-19 Exposure.** Should the Board be informed that a resident, who visited the pool, tests positive for Covid-19, we will need to close the pool for 72 hours to allow for the area to be cleaned and disinfected. **If there is a Covid-19 exposure, please contact Eric Lukas (404) 312-8247 immediately.**
10. **Adults Only Section:** The bump out with steps will be reserved for Adults only. No children are allowed in this area and all in the pool must observe social distancing.
11. **Kids Pool:** The kids pool area is for children aged 7 and under only. Parents need to be present when children in this area.
12. **Pool Hours and Season:**
  - a. Monday-Friday: 10 am to 8 pm
  - b. Saturday/Sunday: 10 am to 8 pm
  - c. Season: August 8<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Monitors/Lifeguards when available only from 12 noon to 8 pm.  
From 10 am to noon; swim at your own risk.
13. **Lifeguard and Monitor every day from August 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>; weekends only after that. Weekdays starting August 14<sup>th</sup> are swim at your own risk and self policing for capacity and social distancing.**

### **Recommendations:**

Members are welcome to wear face masks when at the pool or visiting restrooms. Face masks should NOT be worn in the pool as they can be difficult to breathe through when wet.

Members are encouraged to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes.

Hand sanitizer will be provided for members. It is strongly encouraged to sanitize hands before and after using high-touch areas, such as pool handles, door handles, gates, water fountain, etc.

Only 1 person is admitted in the bathroom at any time and all within the bathroom halls must observe social distancing.

Our guidelines are put together based on expectations set by the Governor's Executive Order and helpful guidelines published by the CDC, GPH and Sears Pool Management Consultants:

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders>

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

<https://dph.georgia.gov/environmental-health/pools>

<https://searspool.com>