

MEMORANDUM

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Gayle Cook, City Manager
Date: June 2, 2020
Subject: City Pool and Splash Pad Openings

The Public Works and Parks Director, Kevin Padgett, along with his parks management team have worked over the last few weeks with the city's insurance carrier, Texas Municipal League (TML), and extensively reviewed guidelines issued by the CDC, the state, and the county in order to make the safest recommendation for opening the city's pool and splash pad facilities. The following memorandum will detail the recommendation by city management to reflect these guidelines.

BRUMMERHOP SPLASH PAD

The splash pad will remain closed until further notice. The splash pad is unmonitored and prone to crowding and would require additional staff to monitor this site.

PELICAN BAY POOL AND SPLASH PAD

1. Dates and Hours of Operation

Splash Pad:

The splash pad will remain closed until further notice.

Pool:

Opening Date: June 9, 2020

Days of Operation: Open Tuesday – Saturday; Closed Sunday and Monday

Hours: Pools

8am – 10am Adult Only swimming on a reservation basis

10am – 2pm (limited to occupancy of 30)

2pm – 3pm Closed for Cleaning

3pm – 8pm Open (limited to occupancy of 30)

Slide:

To limit the potential spread of the disease via surfaces, the slide will remain closed this season.

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2. *Occupancy*

Pool occupancy will be limited to a total of 30 including swimmers and viewers, excluding staff. Each adult visitor will be recommended to give their name and number upon admission to enable contact tracing should an outbreak occur.

Swim lessons will not be held this season.

Rentals of Party Room will not be available until further notice.

Day Care Groups will not be allowed this season.

Swim Team practices and swim meets will be allowed with proper application and safety plan with proof of insurance.

3. *Admission (No Changes Recommended)*

Season Passes

\$25 per resident individual; \$150 per non-resident individual; \$0
resident senior citizen

Daily Admission

2-17 yrs resident \$2; non-resident \$6
18-64 yrs resident \$4; non-resident \$8
65+ resident \$0; non-resident \$8

4. New Procedures – COVID-19

Cloth Face Coverings

Encouraging the use of cloth face coverings as feasible for staff and patrons over the age of two. Face coverings are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Advise those wearing face coverings not to wear them in the water. Cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when wet.

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Self-Reporting

Staff, patrons, and swimmers will 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

Monitor Position

Ensuring that lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding are not also expected to monitor handwashing, use of cloth face coverings, or social distancing of others. This monitoring assignment will be the responsibility to a dedicated staff member.

Seating and Tables

To limit the potential spread of the disease via surfaces, many lounge chairs and/or tables will be removed or spaced to ensure that standing and seating areas will allow for 6 feet apart from those they do not cohabitate with. A system of any remaining furniture will be implemented to separate disinfected furniture from items that have not been cleaned. Patrons may bring their own chairs and towels.

Procedures When Someone Gets Sick

Anyone who becomes sick will be required to leave the facility immediately. Full cleaning and disinfection of facility will be required to wait 24 hours after event. Therefore, if someone gets sick in or around the pool areas, the facility will be closed to public for at least 24 hours to go through proper disinfection protocols.

Communication

In addition to all the new signs and communication that will be used at the pool to educate on proper hygiene and social distancing measures, communication protocols have been developed to notify patrons and swimmers of venue closures and confirmed or possible exposure per HIPPA guidelines to maintain confidentiality. Internal protocols will also include proper steps to notify health authorities of COVID-19 cases and/or possible exposures.

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As with all facility openings during the pandemic, the city management would like to reserve the ability to change any and all of the above plan based upon changes that could occur with federal, state or county orders or professional health organizations recommendations.

In addition to the above recommended details, Parks Department management also submitted a detailed plan for all protocols to the insurance carrier that will cover the following areas to ensure that the public and staff are kept safe.

a. Promote Behaviors that Prevent Spread of COVID-19

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, face coverings, stay home message if sick, adequate supplies, and proper signs and messages will have specific procedures given to personnel.

b. Maintaining Healthy Environment

Specific cleaning and disinfection protocols to include touchless interaction with patrons, social distancing measures, and safety in storage of supplies away from children are added this year. Further, proper ventilation in closed areas, safety of water systems, modified deck layouts, physical barriers/guides, communal space staggered or separated, and shared objects cleaned or will be discouraged from use.

c. Maintaining Healthy Operations

Protections for any vulnerable staff and ensuring that lifeguards and water safety is maintained separately from monitoring will be a priority. Regulatory awareness will be continually monitored for needs to change policies. Only required staff by staggering or rotating shifts will be implemented.

COVID Point of Contact and Communication protocols in addition to protective life saving protocols will be instructed per Red Cross guidelines. Social distancing during in-person training will be maintained.

A system will be in place for staff, patrons, and swimmers to self-report if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for

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COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

d. Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

New measures will be implemented for any visitor getting sick on site to include immediate separation, notification of health officials and close contacts. Cleaning and disinfection protocols will follow insurance carrier and CDC guidelines.