



2020 Community Pool & COVID19 Operations

We are anxiously awaiting the community pool's reopening. We are grateful for the chance to open our facility this summer, but with enhanced safety guidelines and procedures. The Recreation Department is taking every precaution to optimize safety and public health -- including pool inspections, staff training, and of course all measures related to COVID-19, including new signage and other protocols.

As we finalize construction, we will make further announcements about opening day. In the meantime, below is the 2020 operation procedures and guidelines that we will need to follow when opening the pool. If the Executive Orders and Guidelines change, we will adjust our policy accordingly.

General Operations:

- Facility capacity is limited to 280 individuals
- Bather Load (pool capacity) is limited to 110 individuals
- No Swim Lessons will be offered

Entry & Exit of the Facility:

- All patrons are required to wear face masks upon Entry & Exit of the facility and when interacting with staff.
- Entrance: The entrance to the facility will be through the Pool House off Cady Lane. This will be a one-way entrance. The sidewalk leading up to the entrance will be demarcated for social distancing.
- Exit: The facility exit will be through the double gates to the left of Pool House off Cady Lane. This will be a one-way exit. Patrons must STOP at the gate to get checked out. If you plan on returning to the facility, you must notify the staff prior to exiting.

Please note, due to a manufacturing delay, the NEW Front Gate area may not be available upon opening.

We will be using the entrance off Cady Lane until such time.

- Purchasing a Day Pass:
 - Registrants must provide their Name, Address, and Contact Phone Number each day upon entry to the facility for the purposes of contact tracing.
 - Daily Pass Forms will be due each day upon entry.
 - Printable forms are available online. We recommend completing the form prior to arrival although we will have copies available on-site, as well.
 - Residents must show proof of residency at each visit. Accepted forms of ID: Driver's License, County ID, and School ID (under 18). Renters may show ID and utility bill, if needed.
 - It is recommended to pay by credit card which will be available at the Front Entrance. Cash will be accepted, as well.

Helpful Hint

We recommend making copies of completed forms (except for the date) instead of filling one out each day. For the purposes of COVID 19 tracking, a new form must be provided each day.

2020 Season Dates & Hours of Operation:

- ALL Residents: **Monday – Friday** 12pm-8pm (through Tuesday, September 1st)
(Additional modified hours through Friday, September 25th TBA)
Saturday/Sunday 11am-8pm (through Sunday, September 27th)
- Senior Residents: Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10am-8pm (through Monday, August 31st)
We are reserving 3 days a week for the pool to be open 10am-12pm for Seniors ONLY
- Non-Residents: To Be Determined

Proposed - Community Pool Fees:

Daily Pass Rates	Weekday	Weekends /Holidays
Child - Resident	\$5.00	\$6.00
Individual - Resident	\$8.00	\$9.00
Senior - Resident	\$3.00	\$4.00
Child - Non-Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
Individual - Non-Resident	\$20.00	\$30.00
Senior - Non-Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
Individual: Age 13 & Over (as of 5/31/2020). Applicants under 18 must have parental consent.		
Infant: Age 2 & Under (as of 5/31/2020) FREE		
Child: Age 3-12 (as of 5/31/2020)		
Senior Citizen: Age 55 & Over (as of 5/31/20)		
-All adults must show proof of residency- -Children (2-12yrs) must be accompanied by an adult while visiting the pool-		

**Non-Resident Daily Passes will NOT initially be available.*

Once we assess capacity and ensure our residents a safe experience, non-residents may be allowed entry.

Guests:

- There will be NO guest passes for the 2020 Season

Face Masks:

- Staff and Patrons are required to wear cloth face coverings while not in the water and when social distancing of 6ft or more cannot be maintained, unless doing so would inhibit the individual’s health.
- Lifeguards should NOT wear a face covering while on active duty. Lifeguards should wear a cloth face covering when they are not on active duty and cannot maintain social distancing of 6 feet.
- Cloth face coverings should not be put on children under the age of two because of the danger of suffocation.
- Face coverings should NOT be worn in the water.
- Face coverings are required when interacting with staff especially at the Front Gate and Concession area.
- Face coverings are required upon entry/exit of the restrooms.

Social Distancing:

- We encourage 6 feet social distancing while in the water, unless the individual needs assistance in order to swim, and except for immediate family members, caretakers, or household members.



- We encourage 6 feet social distancing on the pool deck and grass areas, except immediate family members, caretakers, or household members.
- A social distancing ambassador will be on the deck at all times to promote social distancing practices.

Restrooms:

- Restrooms will remain open for the use by our guests.
- We encourage practicing social distancing while in the restrooms.
- There will be a separate entrance and exit from each restroom.
- Restrooms will be disinfected by Community Pool staff on a regular basis.
- Face coverings are required upon entry/exit of the restrooms
- Foot coverings are **REQUIRED** when in the restroom and shower area.
- Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water.
- Hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol should be used if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your face (especially eyes, nose, or mouth) with unwashed hands.
- The Community Pool will have hand sanitizing stations available as well as the restrooms for washing hands with soap and water.

Chairs, Benches, and Picnic Tables:

- Chairs and Lounge chairs will not be provided this season.
- Picnic tables will still be available for use near the concession area. The sharing of picnic tables except immediate family members, caretakers, or household members is prohibited.

Games & Equipment:

- No playground or pool equipment will be provided by the Community Pool.
- No balls, floats, noodles will be allowed into the pool.
- Only the use of Type III Coastguard Approved Lifejackets will be allowed.
Check with management to see if your equipment is acceptable.

Health Checks:

- Staff: Temperature readings of staff entering the facility will be required daily. Persons that have a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs of COVID-19 illness should not be admitted to the facilities. South Plainfield Recreation will encourage staff to be on the alert for signs of illness and to stay home when they are sick.
- Patrons: Screening for fever or signs of COVID-19 illness at designated entry points prior to being permitted to enter the facility will be completed by way of members reading signage. Spot checks may be completed by the front desk attendant by asking about general wellness and symptoms related to COVID-19 including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. Anyone exhibiting these symptoms will not be admitted to the Community Pool.



General Facility & Pool Rules

General Rules

- No person shall be allowed in the water when a lifeguard is not present.
- Abide by lifeguard instructions at all times.
- No swimming during an electrical storm.
- Swimming lanes are for lap swimming only.
- Children under 12 years of age will not be allowed to enter the pool area unless accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 18 years old.
- Children below the age of Six (6) must be attended in the water by an adult.
- Children may not bring in other children as guests unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
- Only proper bathing attire is allowed in the swimming pools. The Pool Manager shall have the final decision over proper attire.
- Dressing and undressing shall be done only in the pool house. Dress shall be consistent with the standards of good taste.
- All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist, commonly known as a "Swim Diaper" in the pool.
- Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any "accidents" you observe in the bathing waters to a lifeguard.
- Changing of diapers on the pool deck is prohibited. Do not wash out soiled diapers in bathing water. Changing will take place in the bath house only.
- Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past Seven (7) days.
- Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, colds, nasal or ear discharges, or any other communicable disease shall be denied admission to the pool area. Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts or bandages shall be denied admission to the pool area.
- Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the pool area.
- Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited.
- Radios must have headphones.
- The Borough of South Plainfield is not responsible for loss, theft or damage of personal property of patrons.

General Conduct

- Walk - No Running around the pool area
- No horseplay, wrestling, or splashing
- No individual should block any ladder or step
- No playing or hanging on any handrails
- No Diving. (except for swim team members under direct supervision of the swim team coach)
- Jumping off the side is only allowed in the Main Pool area (lap lanes) in designated areas. Patrons should only take 2 steps when jumping in. (No running) Look before you leap!
- No Jumping in all shallow areas of the pool (under canopies and zero depth section)
- Vortex (whirlpool feature): Swimmers must enter the vortex from in the water.
- Vortex: No standing/walking on the wall around this area
- Refrain from hanging on play structures

General Prohibitions

- No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the facility.
- No food or beverages shall be served and/or consumed within the pool area except in designated areas.
- No glass containers may be brought inside the fenced-in area of South Plainfield Recreation Pool.
- No gum chewing within pool area.
- No smoking inside the fenced-in area. Smoking is permitted outside the fenced-in area.
- No vulgarity, running, wrestling, ball playing, horseplay, gambling or similar activities affecting the safety or comfort of others will be permitted in the pool, pool area, bath house or parking lots. Such conduct will result in disciplinary action by management.
- No animals, except "working dogs" shall be allowed inside the pool area.
- No person shall comb his/her hair within the pool deck area.
- No blowing of horns or any other unnecessary noise permitted in the pool area.
- No loitering in the gate area or parking lots.
- No littering.



- No artificial flotation devices or paraphernalia, including toys, balls, rafts, inner tubes, snorkels, facemasks, fins and the like are permitted in any pool, except on designated float nights.
U.S. Coast Guard approved, Class III life jackets (check with Pool Manager) are permitted, provided a responsible adult is in the water with the child at all times. No rescue jackets are to be worn on slides.

Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

- Rules and Regulations will be clearly posted at entrances to South Plainfield Recreation Pool.
- The Department of Recreation, its designated representative, or the South Plainfield Recreation Pool Manager, may close or limit the swimming facilities or establish additional rules and regulations whenever, in the opinion of the aforementioned, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of the health, safety or welfare of persons using the facility.
- Any person who violates South Plainfield Recreation Pool rules and regulations shall be subject to immediate ejection from the facility by the Pool Manager, or in his absence, the Assistant Manager.
- Memberships are subject to suspension or revocation if a member repeatedly violates rules and regulations, obtains a membership by means of a fraudulent statement, destroys Borough property, trespasses during or after hours, or presents a safety risk to themselves or other members.

