



Deer Lake Pool Opening 2021 Season Guidelines Spring 2021

The DeerLake Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our pool will be opening May 1st while meeting the guidelines of Governor Kemp's Executive Order (EO) that was signed into law in early April 2021.

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 pool season. We have developed the Pool Operating 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 are allowed unless accompanied by their parent(s). Therefore, it is especially important that everyone leaves in a timely fashion. Pool Furniture, Railings, Pool Deck, and High Touch points will be disinfected twice a week.
- 3.** Our capacity will not be limited this season. This will change though if COVID cases spike this summer.
- 4. Pool Furniture to be set out.** We will put out all the pool furniture and this will be spread throughout the pool deck to maintain social distancing. The cushioned couches under the shade canopy will also be set out along with limited tables. We ask that all members maintain social distance of six feet among themselves. **DO NOT** move the pool furniture around in groups or you will be asked to leave the pool that day.
- 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. Pool floats/balls/noodles, etc.** Floats, noodles, balls, etc. will be allowed in the pool. This may be restricted if COVID cases spike. Children may wear floaties.

7. **Pool Rules.** Members are expected to adhere to normal and standard pool rules. Please do not share your pool access code with anyone outside of your family and do not open the gate for people trying to access the pool.
8. **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.**
9. **No Splash Zone:** The bump out with steps is a No Splash Zone
10. **Kids Pool:** The kids pool area is for children aged 7 and under only. Parents need to be present when children are in this area.
11. **Pool Season Dates and Hours:**
Season: May 1st to September 30th
Hours: 10am to 8pm Daily

Note: It is swim at your own risk from 10am to Noon since lifeguards are NOT on duty
12. **Lifeguard and Monitor**
 - May 1st to May 28th: Weekends ONLY from Noon to 8pm
 - May 29th to August 1st: Daily from Noon to 8pm
 - August 2nd to September 30th: Weekends ONLY from Noon to 8pm

When Lifeguards are not on duty it is swim at your own risk

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 allowed in the bathroom at any time and all within the bathroom halls must observe social distancing. Parents are also allowed in the bathroom with their children.

Our guidelines are put together based on expectations set by the Governor's Executive Order and helpful guidelines published by the CDC, GDPH 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>