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Hello, Woodridge Community.

The Pool Board would like to thank you, our members, for your support during this highly unusual time. Like you, we would love to be open for swimming right now and have our exciting and fun Summer WSC pool activities underway and happening!

Let's get right to it: what's going on at the pool and when can we swim? You've likely driven by sometime over the past few weeks and can see that everything seems to be ready – and it is, for the most part! Here is what we know now regarding the Summer of 2020.

Currently we have over eighty families signed up for the summer season who have paid their dues. (In other words, now we know the approximate optimist/pessimist split in our pool membership!) This support is a testament to the strength of our pool community. Because of this support and our current cash reserves, we have sufficient funds on hand to operate the pool this summer and look forward to seeing you back soon.

We are scheduled to be open beginning in Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's phased reopening approach. Per the guidelines issued so far, that allows at any one time up to 50% of our pool's capacity to be within the facility. This number **includes** members and staff.

However, today we received word that we may be able to open partially during Phase 1.5 for activities such as reserved lap swimming, swim lessons, summer swim teams, and dive teams. This is really great news!

When we reopen, no matter which phase we are in, please note that things won't be the same as they are normally. We will need to operate under strict COVID-19 guidelines.

For instance, opening in Phase 1.5 or 2 for scheduled athletic activities will likely include the following rules:

- Only 1 or 2 swimmers will be allowed per lane.
- Only 5 divers or swimmers per dive or swim lesson session.
- Participants will need to bring their own personal training equipment.
- No "open" swimming (i.e., No free swim times for members).
- Lap swimmers will need to pre-reserve time.
- Face coverings will be required for entry and exit from pool facility.
- Health assessment surveys will be conducted.
- All participants will need to sign in.
- Members will not be allowed on the pool deck.
- Guardians should drop off and pick up their participants from the parking lot (unless participants are age 8 and under or are first-time swimmers).
- Restroom use will be limited to toilets and sinks only.
- Locker room showers and changing rooms will be closed. This would mean participants arrive at the pool showered and ready to swim, and then return *home* to shower and dress afterward.

For Phase 3, it looks like rules may expand a bit:

- Up to approximately 50 members may be allowed within the facility at one time with about 1/3 in the pool at the same time.
- Members will sign up to come to the pool in advance, during a pre-reserved timeframe.

- Participants can bring their own personal training equipment, floaties, noodles, or personal (1 person) floating device.
- No multi-person inflatables.
- Face coverings optional for entry and exit from pool facility.
- Health assessment surveys will be conducted at home.
- All participants will need to sign in.
- Family groupings will be allowed on the pool deck.
- No guests allowed.
- No parties other than for immediate family members.
- Physical distancing of 6' will be adhered to between families.
- Changing rooms can be used; showers remain closed.
- Concessions can be purchased with a concession card.

Phase 4 should additionally allow:

- Up to approximately 95 members within the facility at one time with about 1/3 in the pool at the same time.
- All other rules in Phase 3 would still apply.

We realize this may not be what you were expecting or wanted to hear, and hope that everyone understands that the past couple of months have been a huge work in progress with very little guidance from the State of Washington or King County and no precedents to go by. Several local swim organizations have provided interpretations and guidance of the CDC's recommendations, and the State and County will enforce the rules that are ultimately issued. The phases and bullet points noted above are subject to change as more guidance is received. We will do our best to welcome member feedback and ultimately provide best practices for a safe and fun summer at the pool for everyone.

In the meantime, we sincerely believe Woodridge Swim Club will be open this Summer, but we don't have a solid reopening date, and policies and rules are not yet finalized.

In the event the pool does not open, we will allow paid Member dues to either be refunded or applied to the Summer of 2021. We know it is difficult for members to invest money in the pool under such uncertain circumstances, and we really appreciate that so many of you have stepped up to do that.

If your family has financial or health-related issues, or you may not be comfortable attending the pool this Summer, please e-mail our Membership Secretary Christina Dudley at christinadudley@gmail.com, and she will coordinate a refund of your 2020 membership dues. This will not affect or impact your eligibility to return to Woodridge Swim Club as a Summer 2021 member.

If you are willing to wait this out with us, we will keep you informed of changes as soon as we know them.

Here some additional things to be aware of that we expect further guidance on:

1. We don't know yet exactly the maximum number of members that will be allowed in the facility or pool during Phase 3 or 4. This will likely be determined as a percentage of pool size capacity.
2. We may not be allowed guests at all this year. Caretakers may be allowed with special advance permission.
3. Our pool reservation system anticipated for Phase 3 and 4 will permit families to reserve in advance a block of time to come to the pool. We anticipate the time slots will last 2 – 2.5 hours. Procedures and rules will be created to make the sign-up process easy and smooth.
4. Members will be required to electronically sign a waiver before using the pool reservation system. The waiver releases Woodridge Swim Club from any liability related to a COVID-19 illness.

5. Pool capacity limits will be strictly adhered to.
6. Members must maintain a 6' physical distance from non-family members while on the pool deck, and in the water whenever possible. Members will be responsible for supervising their children at all times within the pool facility. Our pool may be closed if physical distancing is not followed. Alternatively, members may be disciplined or suspended for repeated violations.
7. Some aspects of the pool may be unavailable to members, depending on final rules:
 - a. Baby pool
 - b. Ping-pong tables
 - c. Pool deck games
 - d. Barbecues
8. Members will be able to bring in or have delivered prepared food, snacks, and beverages.
9. Woodridge Swim Club will supply hand soap but may not be able to make available hand sanitizer, due to limited available supply. Families are encouraged to bring their own, in addition to their own disinfecting wipes, face masks and gloves if desired.
10. Pool staff will clean and disinfect all pool surfaces at least in accordance with established guidelines. This will include all on deck surfaces and restrooms.
11. Members who have a temperature of at least 100.4 degrees, are not feeling well, are on home isolation, who have come in contact with an infected person, or who have been infected with COVID-19 should not come to the pool for 72 hours and without being on medication during that period of time.
12. If a pool or staff member visiting the pool becomes infected with COVID-19 or is suspected of being infected, we will follow guidelines provided by the State of Washington and King County with regard to informing members and cleaning and disinfecting the pool.
13. Our Lifeguards will be on duty to ensure water and pool deck safety. They will not be responsible for enforcing physical distancing. Members will be required to monitor their family unit at all times and should approach the designated COVID-19 Supervisor if there are issues or questions about proper physical distancing.
14. If the pool does not open this summer, we expect to partially rent out the pool to one or more swim teams and swim instruction companies. This will enable swimmers of all ages to maintain their swim skills while also recouping some of the expenses that must be paid regardless of whether the pool opens. Renter rules will need to comply with our phased re-opening guidelines.

We thank you for your continued support and consideration during this time and hope we can see your family very soon.

Until then, please remain safe and healthy.

Warm regards,

Woodridge Swim Club Board of Directors