



Phase 2 FAQs Updated as of 20 June 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

How the pool is set up: There are 3 lanes in the shallow end. These lanes are set up for FAMILY UNITS of 3 or less to instruct child swimming. There should be a parent or another adult in the lane with up to two children and the parent / adult should be providing instruction to the child.

REMEMBER, THE POOL IS NOT OPEN FOR RECREATION!

There are 6 lanes in the middle section of the pool. Lanes 1 – 4 are open for Lap Swimming, Exercise, and Instruction only. Lanes 5 & 6 (the ones closest to the deep end) are open for Lap Swimming Only!

The diving well is open for up to three people.

Member Questions

Question #1: Can you elaborate on how using the dive well works? I have three kids, can I reserve the dive well for them, or is it first come first serve?

Answer #1: In accordance with the Executive Order allowing Northern Virginia to go into Phase 2 outdoor pools are open for diving however the diving well is restricted to 3 persons. We are currently not allowing the diving well to be reserved; we expect that our members will understand the 3 person limit and work to ensure everyone gets a chance to participate. The pool is not open for “recreation”, so we do not expect any horseplay off the diving boards.

Question #2: Is it possible to keep two lanes open for lap swimming? Or maybe just for part of the time that the pool will be opened?

Answer #2: During Phase II, two lanes are reserved just for lap swimming. Lanes #5 and #6, which are closest to the deep end are only for lap swimming. Each lane is allowed to have three people in it, so that is 6 positions open all the time only for lap swimming. A person can lap swim in any of the six lanes, however two lanes are reserved just for lap swimming.

Question #3: I noticed that the diving well in the deep end of the pool will be open for 3 persons at a time. Are we allowed to dive off the side as well as off the board?

Answer #3: Currently diving is restricted to the diving board only.

Question #4: Are you going to be able to continue with the lap swim for adults. This could be early morning and evening hours.

Answer #4: The pool board is excited to begin a new morning lap swimming program. Our times will be M, W, F from (TIME TBD)! To become a morning lap swimmer, please be prepared to pay an extra \$150 to cover the extra lifeguards.

Question #5: Can I sign my son up for two times but then go myself at a different time? IE is it two hours for each person?

Answer #5: Each person in a family unit can sign up for 2 hours per day. If your child is old enough to be at the pool by themselves (11 or older) then they can have their own 2 hour block that is different from the parents.

Question #6: Can kids exercise in a lane by throwing a ball back and forth?

Answer #6: The pool is open for exercise (Lanes 1 – 4). Throwing a ball can be viewed as exercise; however it can also be viewed as horseplay which is expressly forbidden in phase II. If parents are watching their children and ensuring there is some exercise being done in the lane, then that should be “o.k.”

Question 7: Can four members of the same family unit share a lane?

Answer 7: No. Lanes are restricted to three or less even if the members are of the same family.

Question #8: Can families extend their stay beyond two hours if the limit hasn't reached 50?

Answer #8: Yes, however we would ask that family to add their names to the SignUp genius so it is clear that they are staying at the pool. That way we won't have people sign up and then find they can't come in because of the 50 person limit.

Question #9: Can kids engage in horseplay in a lane?

Answer #9: No. IN PHASE 2, THE POOL IS NOT OPEN FOR RECREATION. In phase 2, the pool is only open for lap swimming, exercise, and instruction (swim and dive). We need parents' help on this issue to keep the pool open throughout the summer.

Question #10: Do we have to wear a mask when we enter the pool area?

Answer #10: In our phase 2 guidelines, it states: “When social distancing of 6 feet or more on the pool deck is unable to be maintained, members are encouraged to wear face coverings that fully cover the nose and mouth area. That includes during the incheck process.” When moving around the pool deck, if it is impossible to keep 6' of distance from others, then we encourage our members to wear a mask.

Question #11: Is there a link where we can read the guidelines that the pool is following?

Answer #11: The link for phase 2 operating policies is available on the pool website at: www.longbranchpool.com. The Commonwealth of Virginia's regulations for pools is available for review at: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-Two-Guidelines.pdf> pages 23 and 24.

Question #12: Can I pay for reserving a lane in the morning per time as opposed to per season?

Answer #12: Yes. We are working on the mechanics of this process.

Question #13: Are the swimming lanes for use for an entire hour? Or half hour?

Answer #13: There are no time limits on swimming lanes. We have 6 lanes available and three people are allowed to be in each lane. If there are 18 people lap swimming or exercising in the lanes, we ask that our members be willing to wait until a slot opens. If a member has to wait more than 30 minutes, then we would ask that they let a guard know who can assist.

Question #14: Can we reserve the grassy area for a party?

Answer #14: Yes. Please email contact@longbranchpool.com for more information.

Question #15: Is the BBQ available for parties?

Answer #15: No. We will relook this as a board, but for right now, we do not want any food being cooked up at the pool. We will allow normal food delivery at the pool.

Question #16: Are kids allowed to stay in the pool after the whistle is heard?

Answer #16: The pool continues on a 50 minute / 10 minute program. 50 minutes for everyone, 10 minutes for adults only. Children will be asked to leave the pool area when the whistle is blown to end the 50 minutes and begin the 10 minute adult swim.

Question #17: Do we have to walk around the pool to get to the swim lanes?

Answer #17: No. Please just do your best to keep social distancing and if you need to wear a mask, please do.

Question #18: Do we have to sign-up on Sign-Up Genius or can we sign up at the front?

Answer #18: All sign ups will be done on Sign-Up Genius.

Question #19: What are the restrictions for the diving board?

Answer #19: The diving well is open for diving INSTRUCTION, not for recreation. The diving area is only open for 3 people; one on the diving board, one exiting the pool on the ladder, and one 10 feet from the diving board. Please do not have children congregate around the diving board; they need to remain 10 feet apart.