

On May 11, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster announced that **swimming pools will be able to open in a limited capacity Monday, May 18**. Please see the suggested COVID-19 guidelines [below] for public swimming pool reopening as set by DHEC and *accelerateSC*.

General COVID-19 Guidelines that Apply to All Public Venues

All organizations have to determine how best to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in their community. In order to reopen and successfully remain open, everyone individually and collectively must actively participate in the core recommendations:

1. Self-isolation – if you are sick, stay home,
2. Practice social distancing of at least six feet distance to the greatest extent possible,
3. Wash hands frequently (20 seconds with soap and water or use of a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol),
4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (*e.g.*, handrails, workstations, sinks) or remove unnecessary frequently touched surfaces (*e.g.*, trash can lid),
5. Avoid touching of eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands,
6. Strongly consider wearing a cloth face covering when in public and not in the pool (do not use on children under two years old, people with difficulty breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask themselves),
7. Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues away immediately after use,
8. Avoid using other persons' tools and equipment when possible, or disinfect them before and after use,
9. Minimize the use of soft surfaces like cloth covered chairs that are more difficult to clean or disinfect. **Cushions have been removed from the metal chairs.**

COVID-19 Guidelines Specifically for Public Swimming Pools

According to the CDC, the virus that causes COVID-19 cannot be spread to people through the water in pools. However, the opportunity for transmitting the virus does exist in surrounding areas. In addition to the above safe-practices, swimming pools should comply with the following additional guidelines to further minimize the potential for transmission and spread of COVID-19 in and around pools:

1. Facilities should only allow 20% of normal occupancy or 5 people (staff and visitors) per 1,000 square feet of pool and deck area, whichever is less. **Until restrictions are lifted, the Lakeshore Pool occupancy is limited to a maximum of 9 people within the fenced enclosure.**
2. Person-to-person interaction and activities between members of separate households should be limited and social distancing of six feet between them should be practiced.
3. Commonly used surfaces such as bathrooms, doors, handrails, ladders, gates, lawn chairs, drinking water fountains, picnic tables, etc. should be cleaned and disinfected between each use by a different person, or at a minimum, once a day.
4. Hand sanitizer should be provided for use by all staff and visitors.

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5. Signs and/or examples of six-foot areas related to social distancing should be posted.
6. Full compliance with SC Public Swimming Pool Regulation 61-51 is always required. **See “Pool Rules” below.**
7. Remove from service or regularly disinfect sharable equipment (for example, kick boards, floats, etc.). **All floats and “noodles” left over from 2019 have been removed. If you bring any such items or toys to the pool, please remove them when you leave.**
8. Consider lane reservations to allow family groups to use a lane or specific area of a pool. **The Lakeshore Pool is too small and has no hardware for lane markers.**
9. Consider a phased approach to opening that brings back lane swimming and limited number participant classes before opening for general swimming. **Limit occupancy to 9 people.**
10. Lifeguards should continue to follow universal precautions when rendering first aid of any type to patrons. **No Lifeguard on duty.**
11. Follow CDC guidelines regarding cleaning and disinfecting.

Pool Rules (sign posted at the pool and unchanged from 2019)

No Lifeguard is on duty.

1. There should be no solo swimming.
2. There should be no running, boisterous or rough play.
3. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs should use the pool.
4. There should be no spitting or blowing nose in the pool.
5. Persons with Diarrheal Illness or Nausea should not enter the pool.
6. Persons with Eye, Ear or Respiratory Infections should not enter the pool. **This includes COVID-19.**
7. Persons with Open Lesions or Wounds should not enter the pool.
8. No animals or pets allowed in the pool enclosure.
9. No glass allowed in the pool or on the deck.
10. No children should be in the pool without supervision.
11. You should take a shower before entering the pool.
12. This pool is open from 7:00 A.M. to sunset P.M.
13. The maximum number of swimmers allowed in the pool is forty (40). **Only after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.**
14. A First Aid Kit is located in the Pool House Breezeway.
15. Life Saving Equipment is located at the West-end (deep-end) of the pool.
16. An Emergency Phone is located in the Pool House Breezeway.
17. The Pool Operator of Record at this facility is ACPS, LLC, Certificate Number 10-478-1.

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General

1. Be safe, no lifeguard is on duty. No diving is permitted, watch children, and no glass containers are allowed in the pool area.
2. Please lock the entrance gate if you are the last person to leave, the combination remains unchanged, **2013**.
3. The pool service provider is not responsible for cleaning the restrooms, we are. If you are a frequent pool user or host a group of friends or relatives, please lend a hand. Cleaning supplies can be found in a plastic tote on the shelf in the storage room (first door on the left in the breezeway).
4. Please discard trash and recyclables, straighten the furniture before you leave and turn down the umbrella at the end of the day.
5. Please take your pool toys home with you when you leave.
6. Please keep the bathroom doors closed so that leaves and debris won't blow in. Thanks!
7. If you wish to volunteer to assist with sanitizing the facility, please let one of the Lakeshore HOA Board Members know so that we can add your name to the schedule.

Thanks for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we live through this COVID-19 threat.