



RETURN TO THE POOL SAFETY PROTOCOL

Parent Guide/FAQ

Drowning is still the #1 cause of death in children ages 1-4 in our nation, and despite the COVID-19 outbreak, we remain committed to water safety. Swim Lessons are essential to drowning prevention. Below are the safety guidelines we have implemented to keep your swimmer safe in our pool.

1. A pre-health screen and temperature check will be taken each day you arrive for your program.
2. One parent will be allowed to accompany their swimmer and will be directed where to wait during the session. A mask will be required while you wait. Please consider checking siblings in to the play center.
3. All frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected hourly and a deep cleaning occurs each weekday from 1:00 and 3:00 pm and after the Y closes each night.
4. Hand sanitizer will be given to each swimmer upon arrival and departure.
5. Masks are required for everyone ages 3+ as they enter and exit the pool area.
6. Currently, only YMCA facility members will be able to register for swim lessons, swim team, and other aquatic programming.
7. Swim lessons will follow a 1:4 teacher to student ratio.
8. To limit the spread of infection through the eyes, we recommend all swimmers wear goggles. Please bring your own goggles.
9. Classes will be staggered to limit the number of parents/swimmers entering and exiting the pool area.
10. During beginner-level classes, instructors will be wearing face shields or masks to protect both themselves and the swimmers.
11. In order to promote social distancing, instructors will be teaching from the pool deck during more advanced swim classes and parent/child classes.
12. Equipment used during class will not be shared with other children and will be disinfected before and after class.
13. Interaction between groups will be discouraged as well as gathering on the pool deck or in the changing rooms.
14. Due to limited space in locker rooms, swimmers should arrive prepared to swim and potentially leave wet.
15. In the case of an illness, make-up lessons will be permitted. Swimmers who are sick or showing signs of COVID-19 should stay home.