

East Lyme Aquatic Center Pool Reopening Procedure June 22, 2020

In compliance with the current State of Connecticut guidelines for reopening Aquatic Facilities, the East Lyme Aquatic Center will reopen under these outlined operational protocols for public lap swim. *No other public swimming activities will be offered at this time.*

[We will continue to monitor state guidelines and update our practices as the current climate evolves. This version updated 6.21.20 2:00p](#)

- Each patron will reserve a lane via online reservations system for a 45 minute workout period. Reservations are available through our website. Each lane reservation has a fee of \$10 per visit. Patrons will be limited to one reservation slot per day at this time. Reservations must be placed online and paid for electronically. Lane reservations will be available for sign-up weekly beginning on Sunday.
- Each lane will be single occupancy, alternating shallow and deep end starting points by lane. Patrons are asked to design workouts to start and stop only at their designated end of the pool.
- Times available for reservations will be:
 - Monday - Friday 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am and 2:00pm, 3:00pm, & 4:00pm
 - Saturday 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, & 1:00pm
- Entrance into the pool will be staged at the front lobby doors during the 15 minutes preceding the hourly starting time. Patrons must wear a cloth face covering, maintain social distancing, and certify a self evaluation symptom check.
- Exit from the pool will be staged through the rear emergency exit doors for deep end assigned lanes and the through the side emergency exit door for shallow end lane assignments during 5 minutes following the 45 minute pool time. Cloth face coverings must be worn and social distancing must be observed.
- The locker rooms will be closed throughout this time. Patrons must arrive to the pool in their swimming attire recently showered and must leave the pool without changing. Each lane will have an assigned, distanced space available on bleachers to store their belongings while utilizing the pool. Social distancing must be observed in all spaces on the pool deck.
- All common surfaces will be sanitized during the 15 minute buffer between swimming sessions. Hand Sanitizer will be available at the entrance to the facility and entrance to the pool.

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Reservations

A link to weekly reservations is now live at www.eastlymeaquatics.com, also can be found by following [this reservations link](#).

You may be prompted to create an account online the first time you start a reservation. Please create the account and we will work to link your previous membership account with anything new you need to create. Once the credit scenario is able to be updated that linking of accounts will make credits available for use.

Letter to community 6.19.20

We are excited to announce our reopening to the public on a limited basis beginning Monday, June 22, 2020. The procedures we will be following in accordance with State of Connecticut Guidelines can be found [here](#).

During these challenging times we will be opening under an extremely different model than anyone is familiar with. It is imperative that we begin our reopening to the public in these trimmed down and strict ways in order to effectively minimize the risk still present in our society related to the COVID-19 disease. Distancing and face coverings guidelines are social responsibilities. We are approaching our policies with a zero tolerance threshold in an effort to protect patrons and staff.

All memberships have been suspended. We have issued remaining values of memberships as household credits to your accounts. Unfortunately, at present, household credits are not able to be used during online transactions from the consumer end of the reservation system. We are working with the provider of this site to get this functionality in operation we just do not currently have a date that this will be possible. You will notice in your account that credits have been issued for the remaining value of your membership. This amount will be available for future use, potentially for the current lane reservations system if we can get the support from our vendor.

There are many ways to interpret the guidelines from the state, we are working within the framework that is comfortable and manageable for the school district. As the state moves into more advanced phases of reopening and issues further guidance we will adapt our procedures. Information available regarding "household" members and distancing would suggest that multiple members of a household could share the reserved space without worry. Unfortunately, this creates impossible distancing ability to the lane next to the household members. Our lanes are 7 feet wide, and 7 feet from black line to black line. In this phase of reopening, the only way to admit public patrons is with 1 person per lane.

I welcome your questions as we get this operation moving forward. I thank you in advance for your support of our facility and pool. With cooperation and positivity, we will all work together to further the opportunities our facility provides and adapt and grow with the framework set forth by the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,
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