

Summer Break & Gray Eagle COVID-19 Opening Plan

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Hello Gray Eagle and Summer Break Families,

Thank you for your patience in regards to planning your summer. In accordance with Governor Holcomb's "Back on Track Indiana" plan, public/semi-public pools, spas, and similar aquatic venues may open at a maximum of 50% their normal capacity when their respective Indiana counties move into stage 3 of the plan, which is currently planned for May 24, 2020. Bather load accounts for all of the people in the water as well as on the pool deck. Our 50% capacity is 165 for both Summer Break and Gray Eagle. The 50% capacity is designed to naturally allow social distancing and is not part of the social gathering mandate. Gray Eagle has a much larger deck and social distancing will be easier. Summer Break members will have to be more mindful of not spreading out excessively.

There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through pool water itself within properly maintained aquatic venues, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Chlorine should readily kill or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19 as long as water chemistry and water circulation are adequate.

However, there are many opportunities for COVID-19 to spread directly between patrons in the deck area, pool enclosure, and sanitary facilities, so this is where much of our focus for the protocols this summer will be. We will be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and have posted cleaning schedules because the virus that causes COVID-19 can survive on surfaces outside of the pool water for days without regular disinfection. Masks will be required for our employees anytime not in the guard chair and masks will be recommended for all patrons when not in the water. No masks will be allowed in the water as it poses a drowning risk.

We will implement all reasonable measures to promote, enable, and encourage social distancing between patrons from different households. Lifeguards will not be required to enforce social distancing expectations among patrons (but will be authorized to if they see a situation that needs addressed), because life-saving surveillance duties are their primary purpose. We need members to monitor their family and self regulate within the protocols advised for the facility.

As stated by the Governor, these stages outlined are very fluid. It is possible to wait longer before moving on to the next stage or even to move backwards. Because of this fluid nature, we have outlined what every stage will look like, and want to make it clear that as a member you are agreeing to adhere to these new protocols. We realize the protocols may be an inconvenience, and do not create a *typical* summer environment. They are protocols necessary to ensure safety and a pool available for our members this summer. Please be patient and flexible with us as we adapt to many new things as well.

We have a goal of being clear, direct and transparent. Please thoroughly read the flyer on the next page. You can email questions brooke.pylespools@gmail.com. I will collect feedback for a few days and send out a FAQ email addressing the most common questions.

Communication:

Please like us on Facebook (Summer Break Swim Club and Gray Eagle Swim Club) for general pool updates, weather conditions and hourly capacity updates. Email and FB will be our ways to communicate this summer.

Thank you for trusting us with your family. It is our goal to give families a safe and wonderful place for memories this summer!

Brooke

Stages Overview

Stage 1	Pools are closed: Previous to May 4
Stage 2	Pools are closed: We are currently in Stage 2
Stage 3	Target date for pools opening: May 24 **Full detailed Plan on next page Capacity: max of 165 people social distancing by family
Stage 4	Target Date: June 14 ** All other regulations will be the same as Stage 3 Capacity: max of 165 people social distancing by family
Stage 5	Target Date: July 4 ** All other regulations will be the same as Stage 3 Capacity: TBA

Protocols for summer beginning at Stage #3- Target Date May 24, 2020

EMPLOYEE PROTOCOLS

- Front desk employees will have a mask on at all times.
- All employees will have daily temperature screenings.
- Lifeguards WILL NOT need to wear the mask WHILE guarding (socially distanced). They WILL be required to use the mask when they are out of the lifeguard chair in the guard room or in the bathrooms.
- Lifeguards will have an available BVM (manual oxygen device) in case of emergency so no mouth/mask contact will be used.
- Lifeguards and front desk workers will be in charge of wiping down ladders, handrails, guard chairs, bathroom sink, light switches, door and stall handles every adult swim.
- Chemicals will be tested 3 times a day per Board of Health regulations to ensure levels remain in the zone that kills the COVID-19 virus.
- Lifeguards can request less horseplay, more distance, and spreading out. However, it is PRIMARILY each individual family's job to adhere to social distancing according to recommendations. Lifeguards job is life saving surveillance.
- We will have cleaning checklists posted in restrooms for transparency regarding cleaning.

MEMBER PROTOCOLS

- Social distancing in the pool:
It will primarily be member responsibility to maintain a safe distance from others in the pool and on deck. While we know that chlorine kills COVID-19, breathing on people and surfaces is still a safety issue. When congregating in the pool and on the deck, distance is still very important.
- We need parents help monitoring social distancing this year for the importance of everyone's health.
- Required to check IN AND OUT of the pool to help us maintain an accurate count of people in the facility.
- Bring your own chairs. No deck furniture will be out.
- Limit use of bathrooms as much as possible and wash hands thoroughly. Please come in and leave in your bathing suit.
- Concession stands will remain closed this summer. Bring drinks to stay hydrated.
- If the pool is at capacity, we would ask for you to be mindful of your amount of time and respect the time we are sharing with all members.
- Patrons are encouraged to wear face coverings when they are not actively swimming or in the water (especially up on entry/exit and while using restrooms).
- No masks will be allowed in the water as it poses a drowning risk.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS

- Capacity: max of 165 people social distancing by family
- We will post on our Facebook site every hour what our attendance is at that time.
- Front desk employee will ask families to wait in a line 6 feet apart in the front of the building if we are at capacity.
- Tables and umbrellas will be out to provide shade on the deck only.
- Diving board and rock walls open.
- No Pool Basketball at Gray Eagle
- There will be NO group or private swim lessons and NO traditional summer swim team. We hope to offer some no contact swim clinics in July. More details to come.
- Playground is open and social distancing is recommended.
- No eating or drinking in pool.
- Kids 10-17 will have to have a parent waiver on file certifying understanding of social distancing.
- Social distancing at the pool examples:
 - Maintaining your own space on deck
 - Avoid roughhousing
 - Don't spit water
 - Be aware of other people in the pool and give them personal space
 - Space out when in line for the diving board and the rock wall
 - Responding kindly if someone asks for space or a lifeguard asks you to change behavior
 - No piling on a raft with lots of people