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Poplar Heights Recreation Association

Dear Members:

We are starting to get some clarity on how we will be able to operate this season. I expect we will open the pool for the weekends of May 15 and May 22 with weekday access starting after Memorial Day weekend.

As in seasons past, there will be two dedicated lap lanes, which will be available for reservation on the hour and half hour for 30-minute increments (with a limit of only one reservation per household per day). Information on how to make reservations will be forthcoming. The balance of the pool and the baby pool will be open for members (including the slide and diving board), but we will require adherence to the policies below.

In addition, all our furniture will return, the grilling area will be available, volleyball and basketball courts and the restrooms will re-open. The return of table tennis is conditioned on new equipment.

We are required to practice the same socially distancing, 6 feet, as outlined in the link and ask that you wear a face covering when entering or using the clubhouse (the bathrooms and showers will be available to members and cleaned by our cleaning company as last year). Cleaning products will be provided for those members who wish to treat any furniture or high touch areas.

As I previously mentioned, I participate, on behalf of PHRA, in a group of 70 other pools throughout northern Virginia and the group plans on inviting VA Department of Health to meet with us after May 15 so that we all receive the most up to date information and as restrictions ease we will immediately make further accommodations, as appropriate.

Here is a [link](#) to the Governor's Executive Order that will become effective on May 15th and excerpted portions are also included at the bottom of this message.

Our estimate is that 151 members may be on the pool grounds at any one time with a maximum of between 22-30 family units in the main pool, depending on whether the diving area is open for swimming or not, and max 6-8 family units in the baby pool. The board is still considering how to manage the flow of members and will provide more information later on this. The board will also discuss the guest policy at the May 4 meeting. Given pool capacity restrictions, I expect hosting guests will be either limited or postponed.

Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to have a healthy and fun summer!

Excerpts from the executive order

Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined in section I, subsection D, paragraph 2.

Section I, subsection D, paragraph 2. Family Members "Family members" include blood relations, adopted, step, and foster relations, as well as all individuals residing in the same household or visiting such household pursuant to a child custody arrangement or order.

Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.

CONTINUED REQUIREMENT TO WEAR MASKS

Masks Requirements: When outdoors all individuals in the Commonwealth aged five and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask, as described and recommended by the CDC, **only when they unable to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not Family members.**

All Business Sectors must adhere to the Guidelines for best practices.