

## **We all need a little bit of summer!**

Richboro Swim Club has been working with local health officials since late to develop a plan to adjust our operations this summer. As a result, we have developed procedures specific to this facility based on CDC and local health department guidelines.

**Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** have stated “There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water.” To assure the quality of our pool water, please know we have three (3) Certified Pool Operators at Richboro and our pool water is tested in accordance with all Bucks County Health Department guidelines. The CDC goes on to say “Swimming and other water-related activities are excellent ways to get the physical activity needed for a healthy life.”

Also, the Department of Homeland Security Science Division presented a study which shows that the ultraviolet rays of sunlight, heat and humidity (outdoor summer weather) creates an unfavorable environment for this virus.

So, while still being careful, what better place to be than at an outdoor private swim club this summer.

### **RSC 2020 Safe Health Procedures For Members & Guests**

To open in the Yellow Phase, the Club is required to follow Bucks County Health Department Guidelines. The following is based on final guidelines provided to us by the county which are, in turn, based on CDC and PA guidelines.

We are attempting in this communication, as well as in facility set up and administration, to create procedures that are simple and easy to follow as possible. The procedures, as far as members and their guests go, is simply a combination of going to the food store and the beach during these times.

As the saying goes, “we are all in this together” and the RSC program can only be successful by members taking personal responsibility for themselves, their families and guests to follow the procedures which fall into two basic categories: social distancing and sanitation.



## Social Distance



-Since we are outside in the sun, masks are optional. No masks may be worn in the pool.

-Facility Entry & Exit- there are 6ft markers for you at the front desk entry and front desk attendants are separated by a plexiglass shield. On crowded days at times there is a lot of travel both in and out, the side gate (by the shuffleboard courts) will be used for exit only and will be monitored by an attendant. On less busy times of entry and exit members exiting should

wait for those entering to pass and vice versa.



-Bath & Changing Rooms- Maximum capacities of the ladies' room, men's room and men's changing room will be indicated on temporary signage on each and will be monitored. Please do not wait until the last minute to use them!

-Slides & Ladders- Waiting line distance spots are marked.

-Reef Cafe- Waiting line distance spots are marked. In addition, the Reef staff will be providing mobile ordering for larger orders and there will be a separate PA system for calling members when order is ready.

-Deck & Patio Tables- Unfortunately, to comply with distancing during the yellow phase, only half of the deck and patio tables will be available and only members of your household can sit at the same table. The **non-reserved sections** on the lower pool deck will have non-available tables marked as such. Seating in all **reserved sections** (upper and spray area pools) must be occupied no more every second table all the way around. What this means is that if the table labeled with your name has an occupied table on any side of it, you just grab any table that is available on your patio that is not adjacent to another table and is open on all sides. Keep in mind that this could cause the table with your name on it to be occupied by someone else. When the tables in the spray pool area are 50% occupied, you have 2 choices, move your table to a convenient close grassy area and then put it back at end of your stay or go to your car and bring in chairs and lounges you are carrying in your car for such an occasion and use them in the grassy areas. The table social distancing, with everyone's co-operation should not be a problem most days as deck tables on the majority of days are usually less than 50%-60% occupancy at any one time.



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-Lounge & Deck Chairs- Lounge and deck chairs are available for member use on the decks surrounding all 4 pools. All of them are available but one lounge must remain unoccupied between household groups. Example- Bill and Mary Smith can sit in adjacent lounges. If John Jones, who lives in another household arrives, he would skip a lounge and sit in the next one, etc.

As above, we do **STRONGLY** suggest carrying some chairs in your car that can be used in the grassy areas on busy days when available lounges and deck chairs could be in short supply.

**IMPORTANT-** There can be no advance saving of tables, chairs and lounges in any section. When you come in for the day, you can begin using but no saving for others arrival.

Grassy Areas- We will have about 18 non-reserved picnic tables in our spacious picnic area that will be spaced at appropriate distances. Also, in the picnic area and at the grassy area between upper pool slope and the entry drive fence, there will be pre-defined household seating areas that will be identified by large white marks spaced at

18ft intervals. Just place your chairs and belongings within 6ft of that mark all the way around and that will provide 6ft distance from the next household group. Please remember to take your chairs and belongings with you when you leave as we are not permitted to provide a storage area for chairs, floats, tubes and other personal belongings.

Upper Pool Steps & Other Areas- will be marked where feasible but, most importantly, let one another pass each other and leave 6ft intervals between yourself and others throughout the facility.

Importantly, No matter where your seating, Health Dept Rules are, Once seated, you must keep your same seating throughout your stay.

In Pools- Six foot social distance to be maintained between members of different households. There is room to do this on the majority of days. However, there may be certain busy days when we may have to rotate groups in the pools. No masks may be worn in pools.

## **Sanitation**

-Hand sanitizer stations will be provided at clearly marked stations throughout the property. We encourage their frequent use. Foaming soap is available in the bathrooms and changing areas.

-Bathrooms & Changing Rooms will be sanitized at opening and frequently throughout the day as will out of water common touch areas such as counters, knobs, etc.

- All tables, chairs and lounges will be sanitized before opening each day and throughout the day. As members, we also ask you to take responsibility for sanitizing the chairs, table or lounges that you use on a particular visit. Please bring the sanitizer of your choice. If you forget, there will be sanitizer bottles here that you can use. If you use one of these bottles, please return it to front desk after your application.

Games & Play Equipment- We encourage everyone to bring their own ping pong paddles, kickboards, balls, etc but they must be taken home at the end of the day. Anything left after closing will be discarded. All the items normally available at the front desk will be available and will be sanitized via ultra-violet light between uses.

Lost And Found - According To Health Guidelines There Can Be No Lost & Found Area This Year. Anything Left Behind Must Be Discarded At Closing Each Night.

Pool Water Sanitation- According to the CDC, "There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water." To assure the quality of our pool water, we have three (3) Certified Pool Operators at

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To assure the sanitary quality of the water during this time, in accordance with BCDH guidelines, chlorine levels will be maintained at higher than normal levels and will be checked and adjusted, when necessary, hourly.

Other- There can be no large gatherings within the facility and, for now, this means no birthday parties, large events, or swim meets. Hopefully, this changes as the summer progresses.



We realize the inconvenience during these times. However, we have a great and citizen oriented health department here in Bucks County which has worked hard and sometimes fought to get us open so families and individuals can have a summer.

We need all members to work with us and work together to comply with the guidelines given us by the health department. Please take the time to read and understand what you need to do when here and also to work with other members who are also trying to comply with the guidelines.

As stated in the beginning and we hear over and over again, "we are all in this together". So, please take personal responsibility, follow these guidelines, use common sense and be courteous to one another as Richboro Swim Club members always are to one another.

**COVID Compliance Costs-** As covered in a previous email, the club is incurring unplanned costs to comply with the above requirements. These costs include materials, signage and labor and these costs do require member participation. We do not know the amount right now but we feel we can hold the member special assessment to \$5 per member (e.g. \$20 for a family of 4) or less. We should be able to fix that amount by mid-June or so and we will notify you of the amount due.