

We want you to know that your safety is at the forefront of our minds as we begin our new swim season. So, we've compiled a list of the measures we are taking, as well as the equipment we already have in place, to ensure the safest environment for our swimmers.

Swimming Everyday with Piece of Mind

The NL Aquatic Center is a relatively new (opened in 2016) family aquatic facility that was built with the latest technology for ensuring the healthiest water and air for our swimmers and guests. This includes:

- **Award-Winning Neptune Benson Defender Water Filtration System** capable of filtering down to 1 micron. It has rapidly become the premier system in the industry and filters our 320,000 gallons 4 times every day!
- **ETS-UV Generator** providing extra protection by disinfecting every drop of pool water daily through **UV light**. Per the CDC, UV light is a very effective COVID-19 disinfectant.
- **AK110 Water Chemistry Digital Water Controller** automatically maintains the required PH and Chlorine levels for proper disinfecting, while balancing swimmer comfort. Per the CDC and USA Swimming, Chlorine is a very effective disinfectant of COVID-19. As an added measure, we also manually test the water every hour.
- **The Paddock Deck Drain Evacuator** is a patented solution that pulls 6,650 Cubic Feet of Chloramines per Minute off the water's surface and exhausts it to the exterior of the building, providing pool users with the healthiest, most pristine air possible, *FreshAIR™*.
- **The Trident CO2 Injection system** is a very safe and effective way of controlling our pools PH and reduces the need for harsh, irritating and smelly chemicals.
- **A New HVAC System** includes (2) Desert Aire SelectAire (SA) Series Dehumidifier Units considered to be one of the finest, most efficient large capacity systems in industry, ensuring clean air and proper air temperature and humidity levels.

Additional Cleaning and Safety Protocols for COVID-19

While we pride ourselves on investing in equipment and proper policies for cleanliness and safety at our pool, we will enforce additional safety precautions and measures. This includes:

- **Social Distancing in the Competition Pool/Lesson Pool/On Deck:**
 - **Limited swimmers in each lane:** At this time we are limited to only 6 swimmer/lane in the competition pool (each lane is 7' wide) with 3 swimmers starting at each end (except when swimmers live in the same household)
 - **Marked Lane Lines:** We have marked all of the lane lines in 8' increments to indicate where the swimmers can wait at the end of each lane while getting instruction so they are not all gathered at the end of the lane
 - **Separate Entrance and Exit/1-Way Traffic Flow:** Competitive team swimmers will be dropped off at the Competition Pool entrance and picked up on the Lesson Pool side. Swim Lesson participants required to enter the Lesson pool entrance in the Right rear of the building. FitTech, Junior and Home School team participants required to enter the Competitive Team entrance in the Left rear of the building.
 - **Marked spots for Swim Bags:** designated spots have been marked for each swimmer to leave bags and equipment that are 6' apart
 - **Masks Required:** masks will be worn while swimmers are on deck by both swimmers and coaches. Face Shields will be worn by coaches and instructors when swimmers are in the water and coaches are on deck.
 - **Swim Lessons:** Encouraging only one parent to accompany their child(ren) to lessons. Adult private lessons are required to place their swim bag in a designated Pick-up Zone before entering the water. Seating in waiting area will be designated 6' apart.
- **Limited access to locker rooms:** Locker room access will be restricted to the lavatories only. Lockers and showers will remain closed until further notice. Stalls and touchpoints will be cleaned every 15 minutes. There is a bathroom in the lesson area if needed that will also be cleaned every 15 minutes. Swimmers will be asked to come ready to swim and change at home.
- **More frequent intra-day cleanings:** All pool areas, entrances and touchpoints will be cleaned using disinfectants and new UV light cleaning tools between every swim practice or lesson. Lesson bathroom touchpoints will be wiped down after each use. Pool equipment will also be cleaned after every use.
- **Additional sanitation stations:** available throughout the facility and at every entrance and exit point which will include hand sanitizer, wipes, tissues, and no touch trash cans.
- **After-hours deep cleaning sanitation:** Each night, we will thoroughly clean the pool deck and all touch points.
- **Daily Health Checks for Staff and Swimmers:** Employees and swimmers will get their temperature taken upon entering the building. Employees who are sick or have been exposed to the coronavirus will be required to stay home.
- **Limited Occupancy:** Swim Team Parents will not be allowed on deck during until indoor restrictions have been lifted. Lessons will be limited to 1 parent in the facility/family. We have added additional outdoor seating behind the lesson pool for parents that wish to wait for their swimmers at the facility. Pool capacity will be reduced by a minimum of 75%.
- **Implement basic infection prevention:** All employees, swimmers, and clients will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, cover their mouth with a tissue (or their elbow if a tissue is not available) and throw the tissue away when they cough or sneeze, stay home if they are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19, and keep a 6' distance from everyone that does not live in their same household.
- **Positive Test Case:** In the event we are notified of positive COVID-19 Test result from someone who has been at our facility, we will shut down the facility to do a deep clean. Practices/Open Swim will resume after the facility has been cleaned. We will also use our Video Surveillance cameras and contact tracing to notify those who may have been exposed at our facility.

****We will be updating or changing safety protocols based on additional information and/or guidance from CDC and government agencies.**

We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. As always, we are here to address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you and stay safe!