

RETURN TO SERVICE PROTOCOL AQUATIC CENTER/POOL RENTAL (PERMIT) AND COMPLIANCE PLAN



Permit # _____

Organization:

Contact Name:

Address:

City:

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PURPOSE

This Return to Play Protocol was formed from various recommendations, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Iowa Department of Public Health, National Recreation and Parks Association and other public health organizations, as mitigation efforts to help ensure facility user and staff safety.

Applicant and facility users shall comply with the then current Mayor's Proclamation Amendment, the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the Parks and Recreation Return to Play Protocol, and the Rules for this facility. Applicant has read and understands the Protocols and Mayor's Proclamation and is submitting this plan documenting applicant's willingness, ability and capacity to comply with the above requirements.

NOTICE

If permittee or attendees are not in compliance with these Protocols and the Compliance Plan included in the permit application, the Facility Use Permit is subject to immediate cancellation. In addition, attendees found in violation of such Plan or Protocols will be requested to leave the premises if violations continue after one verbal warning of violation. No refunds will be provided for any dates canceled or early termination of this Permit for violations.

The City of Des Moines cannot guarantee that the applicant or any of the event attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Applicant and attendees use the City's facility at their own risk.

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change the Facility Use requirements at any time and will contact applicant immediately with such changes.

AGREEMENT & PLANS

Please read each section, initial your understanding and agreement to comply and provide the details below each section outlining the plan for how your organization will meet the applicable recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, City of Des Moines and Parks and Recreation's Return to Play Protocol requirements, the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, and the Mayor's Proclamation Amendment.

PROTECT

CAPACITY

- Per the CDC, the most recent [Mayor's Proclamation Amendment](#) , and public health guidance for minimizing the spread of COVID-19, this facility has a reduced capacity to allow for social distancing (see Capacity Chart below).
- Renter is responsible for enforcing facility size limitations.

PREVENT

SCREEN

- Please take your temperature prior to arriving at a pool or aquatic center and stay home if 100.4 degrees or higher.
- Any person who is experiencing [symptoms of coronavirus](#), who has been in contact with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days, who is awaiting COVID-19 test results or has been asked to quarantine will be prohibited from entering the facility.
 - Per CDC guidance, If you have been exposed, even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, you should stay home ([quarantine](#)) since symptoms may appear up to 14 days after exposure to the virus.
- If you are utilizing our facility and test positive for COVID-19, you must immediately contact Austin Tasler at (515) 554-6628 or abtasler@dmgov.org. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we must be able to post notice of dates of public exposure for contact tracing purposes. No personal information will be shared. Failure to report that you have been at our facility and/or participating in our activities/programs while you were positive, will result in one or more of the following (without refund):
 - Individual or Team Suspension
 - Cancellation of Agreement

MASKS

- Following the CDC, Polk County Public Health recommendations, and the most recent [Mayor's Mask Mandate](#) in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, **masks are required** inside our facilities at all times and when out of the water. Masks are also required outdoors when social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be maintained or in the presence of members outside of your household.
 - **CDC guidelines say to wear a mask when you are not in the water. This includes in our restrooms, to/from the aquatic center/pool facility and on the deck.**
 - **Masks do not substitute for social distancing.**
 - Masks should NOT be worn if they become wet.
 - Please bring an extra mask in case your mask becomes wet.
 - Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - Masks may be temporarily removed to eat/drink (if you are safely distanced six feet or more away from others).
 - Even if you are fully vaccinated, masks are required.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Stay at least 6 feet away, both in and out of the water**, from people you don't live with.
- Swimmers, spectators, and staff must obey all facility signage, follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines (of six feet or more) between different household units at all times, and accept personal responsibility for following all public health guidelines.
- Social distancing guidelines for the waterslides, diving boards, lap swim, aqua fitness, and other areas and programs will be enforced.
- Any lines for check-in, restrooms, or other are also discouraged. If staff requests for people to line up as part of the program or there must be a line, six-foot spacing requirements shall always be in effect.

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PROTECTION AND PREVENTION PLAN (INSERT PLAN DETAILS BELOW):

PLAN AND PREPARE

EQUIPMENT

- Swimmers should use their own personal equipment (goggles, nose clips, snorkels, kickboards, etc.) as much as possible. Sharing personal equipment items is discouraged.
- Tubes slides will be open and tubes are not disinfected between users.

FOOD/DRINK

- Food and beverages will be allowed. No glass containers allowed.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle or water containers clearly labeled with their name.
- Drinking fountains are shared use items and will be available to use at your own risk.
- Distance yourself at least 6 feet or more away from people you do not live with before removing your mask to eat or drink.

HYGEINE

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom and before eating.
 - You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) to use if soap and water are not readily available.
- Hand sanitizer stations will also be available at the facility.

PARKING

- Safety regulations apply to all areas, including the parking area(s).
- Users are asked to maintain social distancing in the parking area(s) before and after programming.
- Users must exit the facility and parking area(s) immediately following the program.

RESTROOMS AND LOCKERS

- Masks are required indoors, including in restrooms and locker rooms.
- Please follow healthy swim practices and **arrive “swim” ready** (ex. shower and dress before coming to the facility).
- Limited locker space may be available at each facility.
- Restrooms will be open but occupancy will be limited to allow for social distancing.
 - Restroom lines are discouraged. If there must be a line, six-foot spacing requirement shall always be in effect.

SEATING

- Lounge chairs will not be provided. Users are encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Users must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.

TABLES

- A limited number of permanent tables may be available at a facility.

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PLAN AND PREPARE (INSERT PLAN DETAILS BELOW):

OTHER MEASURES

(Optional) Any Other Measures To Ensure Social Distancing, Increased Hygiene Practices, And Other Health Measures For Athletes And Participants To Reduce The Risk Of Transmission Of Covid-19 Consistent With Guidance Issued By The Iowa Department Of Public Health, And For Any Food Services, The Iowa Department Of Inspections And Appeals

OTHER MEASURES (INSERT PLAN DETAILS BELOW):

CAPACITY CHART

FACILITY NAME	Maximum Capacity	Modified Capacity 75%	Modified Capacity 60%
Ashworth Pool	750	562	450
Birdland Pool	700	525	420
Nahas Pool	850	637	510
Northwest Aquatic Center	700	525	420
Teachout Aquatic Center	700	525	420

RESOURCES/LINKS

American Red Cross Considerations for Aquatic Facilities and Lifeguarding

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/coronavirus-information/aquatic-facilities-operations-and-lifeguarding-during-covid-19>

CDC Aquatic Venues Safety Steps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/Aquatic-Venues-COVID19-Safety-Steps-Poster.pdf>

CDC Considerations for Wearing Face Coverings

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

CDC Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

CDC Guidance for Public Pools

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

City of Des Moines COVID Response Site

<https://www.dsm.city/covid19>

Polk County Public Health Department

<https://www.polkcountyowa.gov/health-department/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>