

Guidance for Montgomery County Public Pools

As part of Phase 2 and expanding in Phase 3, pools will be permitted to open subject to usage limitations imposed by Executive Orders from the County Executive and Governor of Maryland. These guidelines are being provided in advance to allow operators to plan their reopening in a manner consistent with safe health practices.

Phase 2 Guidelines

- ▶ All indoor and outdoor swimming pools may reopen once inspected and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services' Licensure & Regulatory Services program.
- ▶ All hot tubs, spray or splash pads, wading pools and lazy river pools must remain closed until Phase 3.
- ▶ Swimming pools may open after determining the maximum number of people who may be permitted in the pool fenced-enclosure (this includes pool deck and grounds). To determine this, divide the square footage surface area of the pool by 36. This ensures 6 feet of separation between pool patrons in the water.
- ▶ Lap lanes may only be used by one patron in the water at a time.
- ▶ If the pool is open for lap swimming only, the maximum number of people who may be permitted in the pool fenced enclosure at one time is limited to the number of lap lanes plus one additional person per lap lane until Phase 3.
- ▶ Should pools decide to have both open water areas and lap lanes simultaneously, the maximum number allowed in the pool's fenced enclosure is limited to the open water surface area only until Phase 3. (This will allow for in-water fitness classes and lap swimming simultaneously while limiting the number of people in the pool).

- ▶ Only pools designed and previously approved may have lap swimming.
- ▶ Staff who interact with patrons or other staff must wear face coverings.
- ▶ Patrons should wear face coverings when interacting with staff or other individuals not from their household.
- ▶ Implement physical distancing requirements between patrons or household groups at the facility. Change deck layout to ensure that individuals or household groups can remain at least 6 feet apart in the standing or seating areas. No gatherings or events.
- ▶ Where any queue is expected to form at a diving area or swimming pool slide, designate with signage, tape or by other means to ensure at least six-feet of spacing for patrons in line. The layout may not impede the required four feet of unstructured deck surrounding the pool for emergency rescue, and ensure that all other patrons on the pool deck, grounds, and in the pool are at least six feet apart from the queue.

