



GILLS families,

We are very excited to announce that registration for our fall season will open on August 27th! Returning swimmers will be able to sign up for one week, and then it will open to new or transfer swimmers if we have not reached capacity in the first week.

This year has brought countless obstacles and unexpected challenges. Our schools are still remote; many are working from home; most sports had to be modified or canceled, and so much had changed since that day in March when we first heard of this pandemic that has re-shaped our world. But like the champions we are, our team has survived and will continue to push forward. We were one of the fortunate teams in Illinois who was able to swim for the majority of the summer. We had to adapt. Our home pool was closed, so we found a new home. Our swimmers thrived through storms, lightning, and even a small fire.

When we thought we'd lost our pool, we changed the times and made our lane lines and backstroke flags. We even had our fun meet! Our swimmers have shown us that they are unyielding, and together we can beat any odds. Our home pool is still closed, and our summer home will close for the season after next week. But we are not without hope because we have found a new home for this fall. We are fortunate enough to be among the first teams to swim in the brand new FMC Natatorium, the home of the Illinois State Championship meets, and many other large scale meets. Our practice schedule will work between two pools, one in Willowbrook and the new natatorium in Westmont. We will continue to utilize precautions for health and safety, including temperature checks, no spectators, and small practice groups. We will also require swimmers to wear a mask into the facility and only remove them once they are on deck and ready to enter the pool.

Because we will be indoors, it will be imperative for our swimmers to be mindful of social distancing and facial coverings when not in the water.

Our season will also include time trials at the FMC Natatorium. We will attempt to seek other meets as well, if available, but we are excited to participate in the exclusive time trials FMC will be hosting. Our swimmers will be putting up some new times, and with the steady work and excellent dedicated coaching staff, we know we'll see some tremendous personal bests!

We are so grateful to have this opportunity, and more information will be available on the registration page of our website. Until we can all be back together at Andrew, your coaches and board will always work tirelessly to keep our swimmers in the water and pushing toward their goals. We can't wait to see you this fall!!