

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOLS AQUATIC CENTER COVID-19 OPERATIONS PLAN

AUGUST 31, 2020

The VCSC Aquatics Center operations plan since reopening on July 6 has gone well. As a result, the aquatic center still has the same objectives with some changes.

The goals to remain open are to:

1. Prevent disease transmission among all pool users
2. Maintain a healthy work environment for employees
3. Maintain healthy operations for aquatic activities
4. If you feel sick please stay home.

There is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread through pool water that is maintained using state health department guidelines. The VCSC aquatic center will **increase maximum capacity to 150 beginning August 31, 2020.**

The aquatic center staff will continue:

- Maintain pool chemistry and circulation of water at health dept. levels
- Bather load signs will be temporarily changed to **150**
- Sanitize the restrooms and all touched surfaces after each **practice, adult lap swim, swimming class or competition.**
- Wear masks when interacting with patrons and other staff in all common areas when social distancing is not possible
- Provide written guidelines to all who enter for the first time
- Communicate **operations and schedule** changes to all user groups in a timely manner.
- Discourage common use of all personal work tools like computers, phones, and all office supplies

Employee protection considerations

- **All employees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19**
- Report when sick or experiencing symptoms and stay home
- Stay home if sick or caring for a sick family member
- Contact all contractors who are sick or are symptomatic to remain home
- Minimize all employee contact
- Continually update employees on COVI-19 related information
- Use high efficiency air filters
- Increase HVAC ventilation
- Place physical barriers between office desks and limit offices to 2 people per office at one time

Swimmers will be able to use the locker rooms and showers. Mask use is required in the locker room and it is the coaching staff responsibility to monitor swimmer compliance. The lobby will remain

closed. Swimmers may enter and exit through the athlete entrance. Coaches should also consider a staggered dismissal from practice to maintain limited contact between athletes.

There are other opportunities for spread of the virus between swimmers on the deck, locker rooms and restroom facilities. To prevent transmission all swimmers :

- should socially distance 6 feet apart at all times
- will wear a mask when not swimming including entering and exiting the building and in the locker room.
- will have use of locker room and changing areas with limited numbers
- sanitize restroom facility after each use
- will be allowed **to use the water bottle fillers** but not drinking fountains
- should bring their own water bottles and training equipment to and from practice
- will **not** have access to any community use training equipment
- will be able to store equipment in the first row of pool bleachers only, **the spectator bleachers are still closed**
- can be asked health related questions when entering the building

Adult Lap Swimming practice

- will be all short course swimming
- use will be limited to **4** swimmers per lane
- sign a waiver
- Any swimmer experiencing any symptoms of a fever(100.4 or higher), recent cough, unusual fatigue, headache or have been exposed to any person who has had COVID-19 symptoms. This includes family and friends. This person should remain at home.
- Swimmers that do not follow the rules won't be allowed to swim.

Team Practices

- **All coaches will wear a face mask at all times when working with athletes. They can have a quick mask break when socially distanced if needed.**
- All new athletes will have to have a practice waiver signed by a parent on file
- All short course swimming
- Swimmers will be assigned to a specific practice times and only those athletes will be allowed in the building
- Swimmers will be assigned to specific lanes and where to leave their personal belongings
- Athletes will not be able to store any equipment at the aquatic center and will have to take their equipment home after each practice
- A coach will monitor the entrance door and check in swimmers when they arrive and **assign lanes. Assigned lanes will be saved in the log book every practice.**
- New club parents will be allowed in the building to observe practice for up to 15 minutes and then wait for athletes outside. Spectator seating will still be closed.
- Any athlete or staff experiencing any symptoms of a fever(100.4 or higher), recent cough, unusual fatigue, headache or have been exposed to any person who has had

COVID-19 symptoms. This includes family and friends. This person should remain at home

- Swimmers that do not follow the rules will not be allowed to swim

Other –

- Pool will be open Saturdays and Sundays beginning 9/12/20
- No swimming lessons at this time.
- Max. of 150 in the pool at one time