



Triangle Aquatic Center

"Making a Splash in our Community"



To: All TAC Patrons

From: Kevin Chignell, Chairman *KCC*
Triangle Aquatic Center Board of Directors

Date: July 1, 2020

Re: TAC's COVID-19 Protocol

As mentioned in our prior communications with the TAC community, TAC leadership has been working to develop a protocol for TAC's response to possible COVID-19 exposure for all patrons, coaches, and staff at our facility. We have a few important things to emphasize about that process and the protocol itself.

1. Our research and development of the protocol has included: (1) an on-going review of the evolving CDC Guidelines and recommendations issued by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS); (2) the Governor's Executive Orders pertaining to COVID-related matters; (3) consultation with pool management professionals; and (4) input from healthcare providers who are familiar with protocols developed in other settings including hospitals and athletic activities and teams.

2. We recognize that the current pandemic will demand that we change over time. We have created a protocol that reflects the circumstances within our facility for the current climate, and we acknowledge that those circumstances might also change. We will continue to seek information and insight for guidance, and we will communicate with you in a timely way about any revisions.

3. The protocol – as written – contemplates the most likely scenarios and circumstances we can foresee, but it cannot speak to the many outside factors that could influence how it is implemented in each instance. This will be our guide for responding to possible exposures and positive tests, but there may also be circumstances that call for additional measures we cannot currently predict. TAC leadership will continue to exercise its best judgment and discretion in all matters.

4. The protocol, and TAC's use of it, depends heavily on the honor system. We must rely on the best judgment and discretion of all patrons and staff to self-monitor for symptoms and to use safe practices to minimize the risk of exposure, such as frequent hand-washing, social distancing, and the consistent use of face coverings. Likewise, we cannot adequately follow the protocol without full self-disclosure and accurate, timely reporting if you know or believe that you have been (or may have been) exposed.

5. Our process also requires good communication, so that TAC and anyone subject to the protocol can share important and relevant information with each other. TAC will continue to balance the privacy concerns of all patrons and staff with the public health concerns of everyone in our community.

We have included the TAC COVID-19 Protocol with this message and will soon post it on the TAC and TITANS websites. We will also post all previous communications that describe our policies and procedures on these websites, and we will update you with a brief email to provide you with links to those materials when they are available online.

We've been delighted with the level of engagement and encouragement you have given us since March, and we look forward to more good dialogue with you. You know where to find me – kevinchignell@parkerpoe.com.

Triangle Aquatic Center COVID-19 Protocol

1. **A patron who tests positive for COVID-19 must do all of the following:**
 - a. Notify TAC so that [contact tracing](#) and [facility sanitation](#) can begin.
 - b. [Self-isolate and self-quarantine](#)¹ until the patron meets **one of the following** requirements:
 - i. **10 days have passed** since symptoms first appeared **and** the patron has no [symptoms](#) for the last 72 hours, **or**
 - ii. The patron has a **negative test result** at least 7 days after the initial positive test result **and** the patron has no [symptoms](#) for the last 72 hours, **or**
 - iii. If patron tested positive but never had [symptoms](#), then patron must:
 - (1) wait 14 days since positive test result **or**
 - (2) have subsequent negative test result.
 - c. Receive **medical clearance to return to the pool** from licensed medical provider.
2. **A patron who believes that they have [symptoms](#) related to COVID-19 must remain away from TAC until the patron receives medical clearance from a licensed medical provider.**
3. **A patron who has close contact (which is defined as being less than 6 feet away for 15 minutes or more *while not wearing a face covering*) with:**
 - a. a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 **who has symptoms** (and patron's contact with that person was within the period 2 days before that person developed symptoms and through the end of that person's self-quarantine) **or**
 - b. a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 **but who has no symptoms** (and patron's contact with that person was within the period 2 days before that person's test and through the end of that person's self-quarantine)**must [self-isolate and self-quarantine](#) until:**
 - a. 14 days after last exposure to that person **or**
 - b. the patron **receives a negative test result** from test taken at least 7 days after last exposure.

¹ The requirement to self-isolate and self-quarantine assumes that the person has no "close contact" with friends, TAC patrons, family members, and others.