

Aquatic Center Directive

General Directive and Intent:

- To open the Aquatic Center and allow patrons resume their swimming activities. The guidelines will be in line with the Provincial Government and Alberta Health Services guidelines.

Restrictions:

- All patrons must maintain physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) of each other.
- Front counter has glass to separate patrons from staff.
- Payment should be by debit, credit card or online for passes or lessons.
- Patrons will call in and book a time slot for lane swim or lessons.
- Time limits on patrons will be implemented
- Cohort groups can have a maximum of 50 individuals which includes instructors/coaches/swimmers.
- When more than one cohort group is in the facility, barriers or 2-meter distance should be used between cohort groups.

Best Practices:

- Post signs at entrance that indicate the guidelines set out by the province and AHS.
- Screen patrons to ensure they do not have Covid-19. Post "Do Not Enter" sign at entrance. This has the screening questions on it that a patron would be refused entry for if answering "Yes" to any of them.
- Anyone exhibiting signs and symptoms cannot enter the facility.
- Provide hand sanitizer (60% alcohol or higher) at entrances/exits and encourage patrons to also bring their own.
- Develop a plan to provide isolation for patron or employee who develop symptoms while on site.
- Request personal information for tracking purposes to be used by [AHS](#) in the event of a Covid contact. Information will be kept for a period of two weeks and then destroyed.
- Place stickers or signs on floor or wall indicating 2-meter distance.
- Swim lanes need to be considered for physical distancing. Swimmers must be able to maintain 2-meters when passing other swimmers.
- Limit the use of shared equipment (flutter boards, pool noodles, life jackets) by patrons.
- Sanitize all equipment after use by the patrons.
- Schedule regular cleaning of high touch areas as ladders, doorknobs, handrails, light switches, countertops, tables, desk fixtures and touch pads).
- Limit numbers of participants in swim classes and lessons.
- Instructors will instruct from the deck and switch places with the students to complete a demonstration if needed.
- For lessons under the skill levels of Swim kids level 4 a guardian will assist the candidate in the water. Maintaining the social distancing from the others in the group. The Instructor will inform the guardian what to do with the candidate.
- Post signs with capacity limits, distancing expectations in locker rooms, pool deck and in pool.
- Designate one person to be the "Covid – 19 Responsible Person" should not be an on-duty lifeguard.
- Hot tub and sauna stay closed till phase 3 of reopening.
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Individual Actions and Precautions:

- Caution should be taken around common touch points, proper hand hygiene should be practiced.
- Wash your hands frequently
- Refrain from touching your face with unclean hands
- Carry and use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol content
- Come with swimsuit on and plan to take your after-swim shower at home to limit time in the change rooms and limit exposure.
- Recommended to bring your own flotation aids and pool toys to limit exposure.
- Patrons will not share uncleaned towels, goggles or any other equipment with others outside their household or cohort family.
- You may wear a mask if you will be within 2 meters (6 feet) of people other than members of your own household or cohort family while on deck or in facility.
- Swimmers **will not wear** a mask in the pool they will maintain the 2 meter distancing.