

## 2021 Glen Ridge Community Pool FAQ's & Information

*Please note that given the dynamic nature of this pandemic, this program may be modified as the situation evolves and new data/guidance becomes available.*

- 1) **Are pools allowed to operate given COVID-19 concerns?** Yes. New Jersey public recreational bathing (PRB) pool facilities are permitted to open to the public pursuant to Executive Order No. 153 (2020).
- 2) **Has the GRCP been approved by local health agencies?** Yes. The GRCP is certified by our Local Health Authority (Bloomfield Health & Human Services).
- 3) **When will the Glen Ridge Community Pool be open?**
  - Memorial Weekend opening: Saturday, May 29 to Monday, May 31
  - June weekend openings: June 5-6 and 12-13
  - Open for everyday daily swim on Friday, June 19 to Tuesday, August 31
- 4) **What are the yearly dues?**
  - Family -\$775 regular rate
  - Couple -\$515 regular rate
  - Single-\$360 regular rate
  - Senior discount is 10% with the age of 65
- 5) **What if the GRCP is mandated to close earlier than August 31, 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns?** If the GRCP is mandated to FULLY close before August 31, 2021 due to COVID-19 concerns, PRORATED REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.
- 6) **Is the GRCP accepting new members?** No. Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, the GRCP is not accepting new members at this time.
- 7) **Can a member take the year off due to COVID-19 concerns?** Yes. Members may take the year off due to COVID-19 concerns. Members must inform Pool Manager, Jodie Schnack by email [poolmanager@glenridgenj.org](mailto:poolmanager@glenridgenj.org) to take the year off without penalty.
- 8) **What is the process of admittance to the GRCP facility?** GRCP has a separate entrance and exit to comply with social distancing strategies. The entrance will be in the usual spot, with the exit up the hill, in front of the pump house. The exit may be utilized as an entrance during the first few minutes of each session to eliminate time waiting on line to enter the pool facility. As well as the entrance may be used as an exit during an evacuation event. No re-entry will be permitted, unless it is to retrieve an item from the car.
- 9) **Will staff be screened for temperature and symptoms of COVID-19?** Yes. As per the State of New Jersey Department of Health, at a designated entry point, staff will be screened before admittance, and results will be documented when signs and symptoms of illness are observed.

Persons that have a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs of COVID-19 illness will not be admitted to the pool facility. Staff and members are instructed to stay home when they are sick. Symptoms related to COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

10) **Are face coverings required to attend the pool?** Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear a cloth face covering while not in the pool when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained (such as the entrance/exit of the facility and when visiting the bathrooms), unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on children under age two because of the danger of suffocation. Face coverings ARE NOT allowed in the water due to increased risk of drowning. Lifeguards WILL NOT wear a face covering while on duty actively lifeguarding. GRCP staff will wear a face covering when they cannot maintain social distancing of 6 feet.

11) **Can members attend the pool at any time?** No. In order to maintain state department of health capacity guidelines, members must make a reservation in a three-hour time slot so there will be less congestion on site. This allows people to more easily keep a 6-foot distance from each other. Here is how the sign-up/reservation process works.

- There are four time slots:  
8:00am – 9:00am (Adult Swim Only)  
9:30am – 12:30pm  
1:00pm – 4:00pm  
4:30pm – 7:30pm
- There are 115 spaces for each time slot.
- Members must reserve a space at <https://register.communitypass.net/reg/> . No phone reservations will be accepted.
- One space per person. For example, a family of four would reserve four spaces (not one space). No guests are allowed at this time.
- Reservations may be made 36 hours in advance of the date.
- Walk up reservations are subject to availability. Check FB or call front desk to see if there is availability.
- To cancel a reservation, please do so by calling the pool 973-743-2160 as soon as possible.
- If reservation is not kept within 20 minutes of scheduled time, the reservation will be canceled unless GRCP is contacted of late arrival by calling 973-743-2160.

- Multiple offenses of not arriving on time or at all for scheduled reservations without notifying the pool may result in reservation privileges being suspended.

12) **Can members bring guests?** No guests will be allowed for this season, and no exceptions will be made.

13) **What are the GRCP's infection control strategies regarding COVID-19?** All GRCP staff have tested negative for COVID-19 prior to being employed. As per the State of New Jersey Department of Health, GRCP staff will implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

- The emergency care tent is located adjacent to the deck and will be utilized for the emergency care of injured/ill bathers. The GRCP staff will document emergency care space cleaning procedures consistent with the cleaning and disinfection procedures provided by the NJ Department of Health.
- GRCP staff will cooperate with our local health authority in any communicable disease investigation.
- GRCP staff will implement enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures using Environment Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectants and following CDC guidance that includes frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas (Ex: restrooms, showers and changing rooms) and major touch points.
- Pool facility deep cleanings will take place in the 30 minutes between sessions.
- Pool disinfectant (chlorine) levels will be monitored and recorded hourly (state mandate is every two hours) to ensure a high level of disinfection.
- Social distancing markers/reminders will be located at the entrance, pool side, and in restrooms. Signage indicating COVID-19 protocols: COVID symptoms, social distancing and mask wearing.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the pool facility.
- GRCP will not be providing furniture (pool chairs, tables, lounge chairs) and equipment (kickboards, pool toys, etc.) to patrons.
- Vending machines, ping-pong, and foosball tables will not be available due to sanitary concerns and space limitations.
- All swimmers must shower before entering the pool. New shower area is located in the rear of the facility, down the back steps, next to the sunscreen spraying area.
- A COVID-19 'Ambassador' or manager will be on site each day to monitor and encourage social distancing. Ambassadors will also assist pool patrons with available spot location.

14) **How will restrooms, shower areas and changing rooms be maintained/managed?** Restrooms and Shower Access GRCP will implement the following policies in all restroom, shower areas, and locker rooms:

- One person or family at a time will be enforced in restrooms. All persons must wash their hands with soap and water, after using the restroom, before returning to the pool. Restrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Foot coverings are required within restroom, shower area, and changing rooms.
- There will be designated staff to limit occupancy in restrooms, shower areas, and changing rooms to avoid over-crowding and maintain social distancing.
- Due to limited changing room access, please arrive with a bathing suit on and prepare to wear it home.

- GRCP staff will routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched facility surfaces, and a deep, thorough cleaning between sessions.
- 15) **Will the GRCP be offering Swim Lessons and the Swim Team?** No. To maintain social distancing protocols, swim lessons and swim team will not be offered.
  - 16) **Will there be a Lost & Found?** GRCP will not provide a Lost and Found. Anything left behind will be discarded, after a few days.
  - 17) **How will pool chairs and tables be managed?** GRCP will not be providing pool chairs and tables. Personal pool chairs, towels, etc. will be permitted and must be removed daily. Pool toys, including flotation devices (unless it is used for a non-swimmer), will not be allowed or provided.
  - 18) **Can a member bring food to the pool?** Members can bring their own food and drink. No ordering out or food deliveries will be permitted.
  - 19) **Can members book parties at the pool as in the past?** No. Parties will not be permitted at any time this summer.
  - 20) **How will the Baby Pool be managed?** Baby pool will be limited to one family at a time, to maintain social distancing requirements. There will be a baby pool time restriction (20 minutes) and sign-up sheet, enabling all families with small children to use the area. The baby pool area will be washed down with chlorinated water after each use.
  - 21) **Will there be a lap lane available?** Lap swimming will be available with ONLY ONE LAP SWIMMER IN A LANE AT A TIME. If the pool is close to capacity, managers may eliminate the lap lane. There will be a lap lane time restriction (20 minutes) and sign-up sheet, so all lap lane swimmers can enjoy a chance.