

POOL GUIDELINES & SERVICE STANDARDS

Based on the guidance of the Lifesaving Society, and provincial and regional public health authorities as it relates to COVID-19, pool users can expect to see some changes to city-operated pools. Outlined below are new standards to ensure safe pool usage and the ongoing health and safety of swimmers and aquatic staff.

Note: These guidelines are subject to change based on ongoing advice provided by federal and provincial public health officials.

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING & AQUAFITNESS SCHEDULES

Schedules are available online at vaughan.ca/swim.

Recreational and length swimming is open to pool plan holders and fitness members; pre-paid single visits are also accepted. Aquafitness classes are available to aquafitness plan holders and fitness members. Pre-registration is required for swim and aquafitness. Fitness members planning to use both the fitness centre and pool during their visit, must book a workout session as well as the coinciding swim or aquafitness class.

Register at vaughan.ca/RecOnline. To obtain your barcode and PIN number in order to book an appointment, email RecCSD@vaughan.ca or call Access Vaughan at 905.832.2281.

POOL ADMISSION:

- Prior to arriving at the community centre, pool users are required to complete the Provincial Public Health self-assessment.
- Masks/face coverings are required upon entry, exit and when travelling throughout the facility.
- Masks/face coverings are mandatory in the pool viewing area.
- Masks must be worn while travelling on the deck. You may remove your mask prior to entering the pool.

CLEANING AND SANITIZATION:

- All pool users are encouraged to practice good hygiene, including washing hands with soap, frequently sanitizing, and limiting contact with common surfaces.
- Multiple hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the facility.
- All commonly used furniture (e.g. chairs, tables) will be restricted or removed from the facility to discourage congregating and cross contact.
- Enhanced, daily cleaning and disinfection of high traffic surfaces and areas, including pool change rooms.
- Water chemistry levels will be checked every two hours to ensure adequate levels of sanitization.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

- The number of users allowed to access all pool amenities at any one time will be limited to provide adequate space, prevent large gatherings and allow staff enough time to disinfect common touch point surfaces.
- Recreational and length swims, and aquafitness classes, will operate at reduced capacity and controlled traffic flow to maintain physical distancing in the pool.
- Use the identified entry and exit points as indicated by signage and markers. Respect markers guiding traffic into, throughout, and out of the facility to practice physical distancing, sanitizing, and limiting contact with common surfaces.

POOL CHANGE ROOMS

- Change room access will be limited. Users are encouraged to come as prepared as possible to swim, and enter and exit the change room as quickly as possible to discourage congregating.
- Where possible, washrooms will remain open for use but will be restricted to ensure physical distancing.
- Showers remain closed until further notice. Pool users are encouraged to practice good hygiene and shower at home prior to coming to the pool.
- Lockers will not be available until further notice. Bring personal belongings on deck for safe keeping.
- Wall mounted dryers are unavailable until further notice. The use of personal, portable appliances in the changeroom is not permitted. (e.g., hair dryers, straighteners, shavers).

POOL AMENITIES

- Water fountains will be blocked off; users are encouraged to bring their own pre-filled water bottles.
- Spas, slides, diving boards will be closed until further notice.
- Use of common pool equipment will be restricted (e.g., snorkels, flutter boards, toys).
- The lost and found will be removed until further notice.