

Juniper Lane Swim Club COVID-19 Pool Operation Prevention Plan (CPOPP)

This document was developed in accordance with the NJ Department of Health New Jersey COVID-19 Outdoor Pool Health and Safety Standards and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on operating and managing public pools and hot tubs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of this document is to outline the measures and safeguards that will be taken at the Juniper Lane Swim Club to ensure a safe work place for the Staff and all of it's patrons.

Site Overview

Juniper Lane Swim Club (JLSC) consists of a parking area, pool deck with a main swimming pool and smaller shallow pool, and a grassy area designated for eating. The main pool is approximately 4,320 Ft² and the smaller shallow pool is 551 ft². The grassy area consists of a covered pavilion, grills and picnic tables. The member ship to the JLSC is mainly comprised of local residence living within @ 15 mile radius of the facility.



I. Staffing and Pool Facility Operations

JLSC is a local member-owned, private swimming and social club located on a secluded lot off Country Club Road in Bridgewater, New Jersey. JLSC hires Certified Life Guards and ancillary staff to oversee the daily operations of the aquatic pool facilities. In addition, JLSC hires @ 24 to operate and maintain the water quality on the pool water.

- A. Train and equip the following personnel on COVID-19 awareness, cleaning and sanitizing to perform their assigned duties in a manner that promotes the safety of public and staff.

Pool Directors and Lifeguards shall be trained and certified in accordance with applicable rules and certification requirements.

1. Pool Director

- Due to the COVID crisis, some certification agencies have developed and offered **100% online** coursework. Pool operators are encouraged to use these online resources. Links to these resources are available on the Department's website at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/sanitation-safety/prb.shtml>

2. Lifeguard

- Some training certification agencies have provided certificate extension of up to 120 days. Guards should provide the expired certification **AND** the extension certificate as acceptable documentation.

3. Implementation of an ambassador role to monitor and encourage social distancing of bathers on the pool deck

4. COVID contact person

- B. Establish a protocol for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) acquisition and distribution

- C. Document COVID awareness training and risk reduction strategies for all personnel

- D. **Special Exempt Facilities under N.J.A.C. 8:26-1 are required** to staff all above noted personnel **EXCEPT** the lifeguard

- E. Develop a police notification policy

- Develop reporting procedures in the event of non-compliance with any activities required by Executive Order No. 153 (2020).
 - Facility Capacity: An email will go out to the members stating the facility is at capacity. Daily Pool Manager will inform the front desk that no more members can be allowed in the facility. Members will need to wait until other members leave to be able to enter the facility.

- F. All staff entering the facility will be required to participate in a health screening that includes:

- Temperature readings of staff entering the facility and answer questions related to symptom screening questions.

Persons that have a fever of 100.4° or above or other signs of COVID-19 illness should not be admitted to the facilities. Pool facilities should encourage staff to be on the alert for signs of illness and to stay home when they are sick. In order to effectuate this policy, pool facilities should institute the following protocol:

- Screening for fever or signs of COVID-19 illness at designated entry points prior to being permitted to enter the facility.

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

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

II. Admittance and Access to the Facility

- A. All members will access the pool area through the main gate entrance from the parking lot to the pool deck area. Although a line to enter the facility is not anticipated, guests will be spaced out along the grassy area adjacent to the parking lot as they wait to enter the facility. Signage will be posted to remind members to socially distance themselves while on the grounds of the facility.
- B. At the main entrance and message boards in the facility JLSC will post signage that patrons should be on the alert for signs of illness and to stay home when they have symptoms of COVID-19 or are otherwise sick.
- C. Membership to the JLSC is prepaid for the season. No cash will be collected upon entry to the club.
- D. Implementation of non-discriminatory capacity restrictions:
 - JLSC will reduce capacity to 50% of the maximum capacity for the facility and grounds at one time.
 - Capacity will be reduced so that individuals always maintain six feet social distancing,

excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners.

- Measures to implement capacity restrictions are based on recommended bather load calculation of 28 sq. ft. / person.

Main Pool

The main pool area is “L” shaped. The main lap portion dimensions are
 $82' \times 36' = 2,952 \text{ ft}^2$

Shallow entry portion of the main pool dimensions are:

$36' \times 38' = 1,368 \text{ ft}^2$

Main pool area is $2,952 + 1,368 \text{ ft}^2 = 4,320 \text{ ft}^2$

$4,320 \text{ ft}^2 / 28 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ per person} = 154 \text{ people} * 50\% \text{ capacity} = 77 \text{ people}$

Baby pool:

The baby pool is a separately fenced in area. It is rectangle shaped. The dimensions are:

$29' \times 19' = 551 \text{ ft}^2 / 28 \text{ ft}^2 \text{ per person} = 20 \text{ people} * 50\% \text{ capacity} = 10 \text{ people}$

- E. JLSC will maintain a sign in sheet for all staff and patrons to facilitate potential contact tracing efforts. This sign in log will be at the main entrance gate to the pool area.

III. Infection Control Strategies

The JLSC will implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies to slow and limit COVID-19 exposure and spread:

- A. Designate COVID-19 Emergency Care Room
 - An emergency care room is not required for the JLSC because it cannot accommodate 500 bathers or more. However, First Aid assistance would be provided outside of the lifeguard shack located in the pool deck area. The area will be cleaned and disinfected after each use. When necessary 911 will be called if incident needs more than basic First Aid.
- B. Management must cooperate with LHA staff in any communicable disease investigation and follow current Communicable Disease Service guidance for illness reporting <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/>. All guests will be required to sign into a daily log sheet upon entry to the pool deck area. The sign in logs and phone contact numbers will be used to assist the LHA with contact tracing.
- C. Establish procedures for safely isolating and transporting anyone showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 consistent with CDC guidance.
- D. Develop and 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. The procedures must include, at a minimum:

Disinfectant and hand sanitizer will be available for use at the facility. Refer to the Aquatic-Venues-Letter-to-Patrons document for disinfecting details for the facility.

- Provide sanitizer stations throughout the pool facility.
 - Ensure a sufficient quantity of cleaning supplies (Ex: soap, hand sanitizer, surface disinfectant) are available.
 - Require frequent sanitization of any areas opened to the public, including, at minimum, the following cleaning protocols:
 - Routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces several times daily and shared objects after each use, including but not limited to lifeguard stands, lifesaving equipment, railings, medical area (Lifeguard Shack) supplies and equipment, particularly in spaces that are accessible to staff, the public, or other individuals in accordance with CDC guidance.
- E. Prohibit the sharing of furniture and equipment provided to patrons for use by the pool facility, including but not limited to lounge chairs, umbrellas, towels, and other equipment, except among immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners. Clean and disinfect after each use pursuant to the procedures required herein.
- F. Allow patrons to use their own water play equipment, including but not limited to goggles, snorkels, fins, kickboards, pool noodles and toys, however the pool facility shall:
- Prohibit the sharing of such equipment except among immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners; and
 - Not provide such equipment for rent or other use to patrons while at the pool facility.

IV. Restrooms and Shower Access

The JLSC will implement the following policies in all restroom, and locker rooms:

- A. Require foot coverings within restroom, and locker rooms; A sign will be posted at the bathroom entrances.
- B. Limit occupancy in restrooms that remain open to avoid over-crowding and maintain social distancing through signage.
- C. Bathrooms are inspected on regular rotation schedule every 30 minutes. Bathrooms are cleaned as needed and will be disinfected at least every 2 hours.

V. Face Masks, Gloves, and Social Distancing Strategies

A. Face Masks and Gloves

Staff and patrons are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering while not in the pool when social

distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, 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 should **NOT** be allowed in the water due to increased risk of drowning.
- Lifeguards should **NOT** wear a face covering while on duty actively lifeguarding. It is encouraged that lifeguards wear a cloth face covering when they are not on duty actively lifeguarding and cannot maintain social distancing of 6 feet.

Proper and frequent hand washing is required by staff.

Gloves will be worn when handling or serving food to patrons.

Pool facilities will supply their staff with cloth face coverings and gloves, in addition to basic PPE's for isolation in the health area.

B. Social Distancing

The JLSC will implement measures to ensure social distancing is maintained, including but not limited to:

- Encouraging 6 feet social distancing while in the water, unless the individual needs assistance in order to swim, except immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners;
- Encouraging 6 feet social distancing on the pool deck, except immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners;
- Separating and spacing apart all benches and tables to encourage social distancing;
- Controlling crowd flow using visible markings, postings or signage; and
- Demarcating and post signs that denote six feet of spacing in all commonly used and other applicable areas or where people may form a line.

VI. Communication Plan

The JLSC will implement an outreach plan that includes, but is not limited to, at minimum:

- A. Methods to ensure a continuous public outreach campaign, including but not limited to highly visible signage, websites or the facebook page, to communicate restrictions, set expectations, and emphasize the importance of social distancing and hygiene. In addition, all members will receive a welcome package upon registration that includes the expectations of all members. A copy of this letter is attached.

B. Pool facilities **have** posted signage indicating:

- Face coverings are strongly encouraged
- Face coverings should **NOT** be worn in the water (increases the risk of drowning)
- Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water
- Hand sanitizer that is at least 60% should be used if soap and water are not available
- Do not touch your face (especially eyes, nose or mouth) with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings
- Foot covering is required when in the bathrooms

VII. Food Services

JLSC does not prepare cooked food for sale at the facility. Food services **shall** remain limited to restrictions consistent with Executive Orders issued in response to COVID-19 as required by Executive Order No. 153 (2020), and tables or other equipment which impede social distancing should be removed or restricted.

VIII. Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Pool facilities must revise the emergency evacuation procedure to ensure social distancing protocols allow for safe evacuation and all applicable guidance contained herein.