

Mifflinburg Pool Guidelines for 2020 Season

The purpose of this document is to describe special rules and guidelines for the Mifflinburg Pool patrons and employees to follow during the 2020 season to minimize the chance of spreading COVID-19. These rules and guidelines follow the requirements and suggestions set by the PA Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for aquatic venues, in accordance with the PA Governor's phased reopening plan. All patrons and employees are required to abide by these rules and guidelines. These rules and regulations do not fully replace the existing rules, but work to supplement them.

Per the CDC, there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through pool water. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection with chlorine of pools should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. The chemical levels of Mifflinburg Pool are checked at least 4 times each day. The management team reserves the right to alter these rules/guidelines after the season starts if any rule or guideline is later found to need altered in some way. It is expected that there will be many lessons learned as we operate this season.

The following are some special terms being used in this document:

Family Pod = A family, or group of people who live together.

Base Camp = The location you put/park your chairs, bags, towels, coolers, etc., so that everyone in your Family Pod has a centralized meeting/hang-out location.

General Use of Mifflinburg Pool & Yard

People not from the same Family Pod must maintain 6' from each other both in and out of the pool.

Base camps must be sufficiently spread apart to maintain 6' from each other while in the yard.

The capacity of the fenced area of the pool will NOT exceed 125 persons in phase Green. The staff are not included in this total.

Please set up your Base Camp in the yard space towards the 5' area if you have older or no children, so that families with younger children are able to set up in the yard towards the shallow end of the pool.

If full capacity is reached, then no one else will be permitted entrance to the pool until such time that enough occupants leave and the pool is no longer at full capacity.

The Mifflinburg Pool will have 2 blocks of time for patrons to visit. The first block of time will be from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The pool will then shut down for 30 minutes to perform cleaning duties on all commonly used surfaces. The second block of time will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Patrons who attend the first block would have to pay again to return in the second block.

If you choose to leave during your block of time, there is no guarantee of readmittance. Once you are at the pool, you need to stay there to maintain your spot.

Important rules for our patrons to follow:

1. Maintain a distance of at least 6' from other individuals not in your Family Pod.
2. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
3. Cover coughs or sneezes with a sleeve or elbow, not hands and do not shake hands.
4. When sick, stay at home.

High-Risk Population Swimming

Any patrons that are considered high risk will have an opportunity to swim at the pool from 10:15 to 11:00 AM. We ask that all attending do so in good faith. Admission for this time is \$1.

Lap Swimming

Mifflinburg Pool plans on allowing patrons to attend lap-swimming in up to 45 minute increments during the morning hours. These times are currently scheduled for 11:00-11:45 AM and 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM. Two people are allowed per lane if they swim from opposite sides of the pool, or more if from the same Family Pod. Admission for this time is \$1.

Open Swimming

The following rules and guidelines apply to open swimming:
Attempt to maintain social distance of 6' from other people not in same Family Pod.

Hand and ladder rails will get wiped down at least hourly by Mifflinburg pool staff.

The steps area and ladders of the pool will remain clear and open for entry and exit of the pool without the worry of violating social distancing. This also applies to the ladders.

The diving board will be available to use, but patrons must be 6 apart while in line. The diving board handrails and steps will be cleaned at least hourly by Mifflinburg pool staff.

The slides at the shallow end and the deep end of the pool will not be in use this season to limit the spread of germs inside the tubes of the slides. Admission for these blocks are \$3 for adults and \$2 for school age children. Non school age children are free with a paying adult (up to 3 children).

Pool Games

Only members from the same Family Pod may play in the pool together, and they must practice social distancing from other patrons in the pool.

Bath House & Bathrooms

The following rules and cleaning schedule apply to the bath house:

Toilets, showers, and sinks will be operational. They will be cleaned at least hourly by Mifflinburg pool staff. Changing rooms will be available however, we recommend that patrons wear their bathing suit to and from the pool to minimize use of the changing rooms.

Concession Stand and Water Fountains

The concession stand will be closed this season according to the reopening guidelines. Patrons are prohibited from bringing food into the pool area with them.

The water fountains will also be blocked from use this season. Patrons are allowed to bring their own non-alcoholic beverages from home in a safe, plastic container.

Tables & Benches

The following rules and recommendations apply to Mifflinburg Pool tables and benches:

Tables will NOT be available to patrons this summer

Benches will have top surfaces cleaned at least hourly by Mifflinburg pool staff.

Mifflinburg Pool benches will be placed at a recommended distance from each other according to CDC and/or PA guidelines and must not be moved without management authorization.

Patrons are welcome to bring their own chairs for use in their Base Camp but must take these items with them after each visit.

Masks

Masks are **required** for entry to the Mifflinburg Pool

The following rules and guidelines apply to the use of masks:

Per CDC, masks should **NOT** be worn in the water since they get wet/ineffective.

Masks need **NOT** be worn when in your Family Pod.

Masks **WILL** be worn when going to/into the bathrooms/changing areas.

Masks **WILL** be worn at any time you may come within 6' of another person not in your Family Pod.

When in doubt, remember this phrase: "**Masks in motion**"

Lifeguards and Staff

The following rules apply to our Mifflinburg Pool lifeguards:

Per CDC, lifeguards are NOT required to wear masks while on duty (in guard chair).

Lifeguards will NOT be enforcing any new rules associated with social distancing, wearing masks, etc. There will be a specially designated person to do so. This person will be called the social distancing ambassador.

The social distancing ambassador will be a mobile position that will first educate and then discipline patrons who do not respect the social distancing rules put in place by Mifflinburg Pool management.

All patrons and employees are required to abide by these rules and guidelines. Violators of these rules will first be educated on why it needs to be this way and further violations will result in a series of escalating consequences.

First, the patron will have to sit out of the pool for 5 minutes. Second, the patron will have to sit out of the pool for 10 minutes. Third, the patron will be asked to leave for the day. Continued violations of this rule may result in a temporary ban from the premises.