

Franklin Farm Non-Resident Pool Member:

Franklin Farm pools open Saturday, May 29, 2021

The Franklin Farm Board of Trustees finalized the pool policies for the 2021 pool season at their meeting this past Wednesday evening with similar restrictions and guidelines as last summer. The Franklin Farm pools will continue to follow COVID guidelines recommended by the CDC and Virginia Governor Northam's executive order although it is possible the policies could change if the Governor further relaxes physical distancing and pool restrictions during the pool season. The Board of Trustees will again evaluate its pool membership policies mid-May to determine if more changes are necessary.

Pool operations include:

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection
- Physical distancing of 10 feet from others who are not family members
- Limited capacity – 50 pool members per time slot session (there will be no designated times slots for lap swim, free swim, or baby pool – just open pool)
- Mask requirement when not in pool
- Hand sanitizing stations at the pools
- Symptom screening prior to admission

Pool members will be required to sign-up via SignUp Genius to gain access to the Franklin Farm pools. The pool signup link will be sent to pool members on a weekly basis at a designated time. Each member will be allotted no more than three (3) 90-minute reservations per week. Limiting the number of reservations per week allows for a greater number of pool members to use the pool by not allowing the same members to use the pools disproportionately compared to other pool members. We will send out the SignUp Genius information mid-May.

***Guests will not be allowed for the 2021 pool season.
There will be NO Early Morning Swim for the 2021 pool season.
NV Pools will not offer group swim lessons but will allow lifeguards to give private lessons.***

A full refund option will be offered for members who cancel their membership PRIOR TO the first day of the summer pool season which is Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Prorated refunds will not be offered. If you wish to receive a refund, please send a request to me and I will provide a refund request form for you.

Please direct any inquiries to foundation@franklinfarm.org.

I have attached the 2021 Operational Guidelines and the Virginia Governors Executive Order #72 for swimming pools.

Also, please check your junk/spam folders. We are finding out that many of our e-mails are going into junk/spam folders especially Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail accounts. Please add suzie@franklinfarm.org as not spam or a trusted sender if you find my e-mail in your junk folder.

Thank you!
Suzie Kidwell



Franklin Farm Foundation Pool Opening Operating Guideline

The Franklin Farm pools (Dairy Lou & Still Pond) will open for the 2021 Season on May 29, 2021 to patrons with valid swimming pool memberships. Due to the continued presence of COVID-19, Franklin Farm will follow the following guidelines recommended by the CDC and Virginia Governor Northham for pool operations, including:

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection
- Strict physical distancing (10 feet)
- Limited capacity – *currently a maximum of 50 patrons per session*
- Mask requirement when out of the water
- Hand sanitizing stations in pool area
- Symptom screening prior to admission

1. Hours of operation:

- Dairy Lou: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Still Pond: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2. Reservations time frame/block of time:

Pool members will be required to sign-up via an online portal (SignUp Genius) to gain access to the Franklin Farm Pools. The online portal will be sent out to all patrons that have a valid pool membership by the Franklin Farm Foundation staff. The pool sign-up online form portal will be sent to membership patrons on a weekly basis at a designated time for reservations. Each patron/family will be allotted no more than three (3) 90-minute reservations per week.

For access to the Franklin Farm pools, the following will apply:

- Patron has a valid pool membership
- Patron has a confirmed day/time reservation via the online form
- Patron has arrived at pool location during the confirmed timeframe of his/her reservation
- Consecutive blocks of time will be counted toward the three (3) reservations per week maximum
- **There will be no exceptions.**

90 Minute blocks of time – 10-minute break rule will be waived

Swim Blocks

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cleaning Blocks

11:30 a.m. – noon
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- ***All patrons not of the same household must maintain a 10-foot physical distance while in the pool.***
- No group swim lessons will be offered this summer by NV Pools. Private lessons will be allowed by the NV Lifeguards

3. Pool Furniture:

- Both pools will have one (1) lounge chair (at a 10-foot distance) for patrons to use during their time block
- Patrons may bring ONE (1) piece of their own furniture to use during the time block (pool furniture will be limited)

4. Entrance/exit locations for pools:

Patrons will enter pool area via the bathhouse as normal

- A valid pool membership will be confirmed by guards at check-in
- Patrons will be asked about COVID-19 symptoms or exposure at check-in
- One family or one patron will be allowed to walk through the bathhouse at a time

Patrons will exit the pool area at the conclusion of the time block via the side gate at both Dairy Lou and Still Pond pools.

- If a patron exits the pool area before the end of their reserved time block, they will be required to re-enter through the bathhouse and go through the pre-entry procedures
- Patrons are expected to depart the pool area promptly once their time block has expired
- A 10-minute “warning whistle” prior to the end of each time block will be provided by the pool guards to inform patrons to *begin exiting the pool deck*

5. Bathroom/shower/dressing for Dairy Lou Still Pond will be limited:

- It is highly recommended that patrons use the bathroom at home prior to coming to the pool and arrive dressed for swimming.
- Bathroom facilities, to include the restroom and shower, are open for **emergency use only**

6. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting

The pool staff at both pools will clean/disinfect the pool area between each swim session. Patrons are expected to depart the swim area promptly once their time slot has expired.

7. Patrons are expected to abide by the guidelines and safety procedures in place by the Franklin Farm Foundation

- Wearing of masks outside of the pool is required
- With the exception of drinking water, all food and drinks are prohibited
- Water toys of any type are prohibited
- Distancing (10 feet) is required by all patrons not in the same household
- Adherence to pool staff direction and commands is required
 - Franklin Farm Foundation reserves the right to remove uncooperative/non-compliant patrons for behavior that is deemed unsafe in accordance with Pool Rules, Part V Enforcement

SWIMMING POOLS

SCOPE: Indoor and outdoor swimming pools and water slides.

Establishments must either implement the following mandatory requirements or remain closed.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

Businesses must strictly adhere to the physical distancing guidelines, enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices, and enhanced workplace safety practices provided in the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors” document. If businesses choose to open, they must adhere to the following additional requirements for outdoor operations:

- ✓ Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, a positive diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the prior ten days, or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted in the establishment.
- ✓ Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for [high-risk individuals](#), and staying home if sick (samples at bottom of this document).
- ✓ Hot tubs, spas, saunas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- ✓ Facilities that operate water slides must ensure physical distancing of at least ten feet between patrons who are not Family members as defined in Fourth Amended Executive Order 72 while waiting in line to use the slide.
- ✓ Outdoor and indoor swimming pools may be open, provided occupancy is limited to no more than 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy and all swimmers maintain at least ten feet of physical distance from others who are not Family members as defined in Fourth Amended Executive Order 72. Free swim is allowed.

- ✓ Swimming instruction and water exercise classes must be limited to allow all participants to maintain ten feet of physical distance where practicable. Parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.
- ✓ Seating may be provided on pool decks with at least ten feet of spacing between persons who are not Family members as defined in Fourth Amended Executive Order 72.
- ✓ Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear masks over their nose and mouth while working at their place of employment. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- ✓ Promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. This is particularly important when patrons are using shared equipment that is not easily cleaned or disinfected between use (e.g. slide ladders, climbing rope, exercise bands). If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers. Additional hand hygiene requirements for Virginia employees and employers can be found in the Department of Labor and Industry's [Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19](#). Further hand hygiene guidance can be found on the [CDC website](#). A CDC training video is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html>.
- ✓ Screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms, a positive diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the prior ten days, or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the 14 days prior to admission to the venue/facility. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Children should be screened per the CDC guidance for screening children. Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.