



## **Franklin Farm Foundation Pool Opening Operating Guideline**

The Franklin Farm pools (Dairy Lou & Still Pond) will open in Phase III for **lap swim, diving, exercise, instruction & LIMITED free swim** on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 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 Northam for pool operations, including:

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection
- Strict physical distancing (10 feet)
- Limited capacity – *currently a maximum of 40 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. This online portal link will be sent 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 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.

- Two (2) lap lanes will be reserved for swimming
- One (1) lap lane will be reserved for walkers
- Remaining area of pool will be for limited free swim, instruction, and exercise. *All patrons not of the same household must maintain a 10-foot physical distance while in the pool.*
- Diving area/board will be open with limit of three (3) divers
- No swim lessons will be offered this summer by NV Pools

**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
- Lap swim, diving, limited free swim, and wading/baby pool 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/noncompliant patrons for behavior that is deemed unsafe in accordance with Pool Rules, Part V Enforcement



## **Franklin Farm Pool Opening Phase III FAQs**

1. The Virginia Department of Health has explicitly stated that all residents should wear masks and observe the 10-foot recommendation of physical distance
2. Parents and guardians must consider their child's swimming ability before bringing them to the pool. Utilizing a lane for play activities is not permitted at this time.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** Can I bring a guest?

**A:** No, due to the COVID-19 emergency, pools are only open to members. This may change as we move into other Phases.

**Q:** Can my child come to the pool?

**A:** Yes, children can come to the pool if they can comply with the restricted activities of **lap swimming, diving, exercise, instruction & LIMITED free swim during which a 10-foot physical distance must be maintained.** These activity restrictions are set in place by the Governor of Virginia.

**Q:** Will there be a swimmer break?

**A:** No, but guards will let swimmers know when the time block is almost done.

**Q:** Can I reserve my own lane? Can I guarantee that I will be in the same lane with my partner/spouse/child?

**A:** No. Swimmer ability will determine lane use.

**Q:** How does lap lane sharing work?

**A:** Lap swimming is limited to 3 persons per lane with 10-feet of physical distance per swimmer. When 3 swimmers are present, they must always circle swim – staying to the right, with minimal stopping/pausing.

- Q:** Will lanes be designated for different speeds of swimmers?  
**A:** Three (3) lanes are open for lap swim where individuals can swim based on level of swimmer ability. Remaining area of pool will be for limited free swim, instruction, and exercise. *All patrons not of the same household must maintain a 10-foot physical distance while in the pool.*
- Q:** If I cannot make my reservation, can my spouse/friend/child take it instead?  
**A:** No, reservations are member specific. If you cannot make your reservation, you are encouraged to cancel your reservation so that another pool member can take that space through Sign-Up Genius.
- Q:** Can I use the diving board a few times while at the pool?  
**A:** Yes, diving areas must be limited to three (3) persons per diving area with 10-feet of physical distance per diver.
- Q:** What exactly are the reservation times?  
**A:** See time blocks below:

<u>Time blocks</u>	<u>Cleaning blocks</u>
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m. – Noon
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Q:** What time should I arrive for my reserved space?  
**A:** Members are encouraged to arrive prior to the start time and begin lining up at the bathhouse entrance maintaining a 10-foot physical distance while standing in line. Guards will begin check-in promptly at designated times.
- Q:** What if I am late to my reserved time?  
**A:** Members will be required to vacate the pool deck at the end of each reservation time block, regardless of when they arrived at the pool.
- Q:** Can I stay beyond my 90-minute time block to sunbathe or relax on the deck?  
**A:** No, all members must vacate the deck to allow for the facility clean/reset.
- Q:** Do I have to wear a face covering while sunbathing?

**A: Face coverings** are always recommended once inside the pool area; the only exception is when patrons are in the water.

**Q: What happens during the facility clean/reset?**

**A: As soon as all pool members exit through the emergency gate, the following cleaning procedures take place:**

1. Disinfect guard stands/furniture
2. Disinfect the bathhouse and office area
3. Make any necessary routine pool maintenance
4. Configure the facility for the next reservation time block

**Q: Have guards completed a health screening prior to reporting to work?**

**A: Yes, in compliance with the 'Enhanced Workplace Safety Best Practices' provided by the Governor's office, all guards will complete the same verbal health screening that is required of pool members before each of their shifts.**