

**Town of Guilderland**  
**Tawasentha Park Pool**  
COVID-19 Action Plan Guidance

**Goal:**

The Tawasentha Park Pool will offer swim lessons, lap swim, and open swim times to the residents of Guilderland while following the Interim Guidance for Pools released by the State Department of Health.

**Objective:**

To provide guidance and procedures to employees of the Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Department, and community members that will allow us to safely resume recreational offering at Tawasentha Park Pool, and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Action Plan:**

The following procedures will be administered:

- For All Tawasentha Park Pool Activities:
  - The pool will only be open for use by Town of Guilderland residents . Residents must present their license at the entrance to the pool to confirm residency.
  - A resident/resident family can bring up to two (2) non-residents guests (example - family from out of town).
  - All patrons entering the pool area should perform a pre-screening evaluation prior to visiting the facility.
  - All residents entering the pool must sign in prior to entering the pool - a form for their name and contact information will be set up at the entrance to the pool - This is for contact tracing purposes.
  - The maximum capacity of the pool area will be capped at 60 residents at one time so social distancing on the pool deck, grass area, and in the pool is possible
  - The maximum size of a single group of people in the pool together or on the deck together is 10 individuals.
  - All individuals in the pool facility will be required to maintain a distance of at least six feet from other individuals at all times, unless that are members of the same household/family unit.

- Anytime that individuals are less than six feet away from someone outside of their household/family until, they must wear an acceptable face covering that covers both the nose and the mouth.
  - Face coverings should NOT be worn in the water.
  - All pool patrons are encouraged to wash their hands in the restroom facilities when they enter and before they leave the facility
  - Showers will not be available.
  - There will not be any furniture for public use in the pool facility - patrons are welcome to bring their own chairs and blankets.
  - Cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas will be increased.
  - Social distancing signs and markers will be present to remind patrons to keep six feet of spacing between themselves and those outside of their household.
  - Signage will be posted throughout the facility to remind individuals to
    - [Stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or were exposed through close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.](#)
    - [Encourage proper hand hygiene](#)
    - [Adhere to social distancing rules](#)
    - [Wear appropriate face coverings](#)
    - [Additional Guidance](#)
- Swim Lessons:
    - Swim Lessons will be offered this year with modifications to adhere to the interim guidance from the DOH.
    - Tawasentha Day Camp Swim Lessons will not be held this year.
    - There will not be a Water Safety Aide Volunteer Program this summer.
    - All swim lessons will require parent/guardian transportation.
    - When entering the pool facility, parents and children above the age of 2 should wear face coverings - it is possible that when entering you will be less than six feet away from others.
    - Time slots of Swim Lessons will be different this year to be able to clean/disinfect high-touch areas between lesson times, as well as minimize the foot traffic when entering/leaving the facility.
    - There will be a clearly marked “ENTRANCE” and “EXIT” to minimize foot traffic during swim lessons times.
    - ALL Level 1 and Level 2 swimmers need to have a parent in the water with them - these classes will be taught like the Parent &

Child Aquatics program. These classes will be capped at 4 participants per time slot to be able to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

- Levels 3 through 5 will be capped at 4 participants per time slot to be able to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Depending on spacing this may be adjusted to include more swimmers.
  - Lifeguards will not touch participants, and will use teaching aids such as kickboards and noodles that can be cleaned easily.
  - Due to spacing, we will not have any Level 6 swim lessons this summer.
- **Adult Lap Swim:**
    - Time frames for Adult Lap Swim will remain the same - Monday - Thursday 11am to 12pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 11:30am.
    - Please wear your face covering when entering the facility and interacting with any employees or other swimmers.
    - Only one lap swimmer per lane to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We have 3 lanes always set up, and during lap swim specific times there is an option to have 2 additional lanes.
- **Lifeguard Duties:**
    - Lifeguards will have their temperature taken each day and be screened for any COVID-19 symptoms. If any symptoms are exhibited, they will be sent home.
    - Lifeguards will wash their hands when they arrive at work, and prior to leaving - they will also perform regular hand hygiene throughout the day.
    - Guards will be required to wear a face covering/mask when they are within six feet of other lifeguards or patrons.
    - Guards will NOT wear a face covering while in the surveillance chairs, but will have one easily accessible for when the rotate stations.
    - Cleaning and disinfecting will be built into lifeguard rotations. Bathrooms, railings, ladders, and other high-touch areas will be disinfected every hour. There will be documentation for guards to sign off on when cleaning is completed.
    - Lifeguards that are not actively guarding will assist enforcing the wearing of face coverings and social distancing.
    - Lifeguards will, to the best of their ability, keep six feet away from all patrons unless they are responding to an emergency, rescuing a distressed swimmer, providing first aid, or performing CPR.

- Lifeguards will be trained by administration and EMS personnel to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19, and safety measures to take to protect themselves and others.
- If anyone is exhibiting symptoms, lifeguards will immediately separate this person from other patrons and swimmers (back exit by the pool pump house), and contact the Parks & Recreation Office to find a way to facilitate this person being transported (if necessary).
- Lifeguards will participate in weekly training sessions to practice rescue skills and stay up to date on COVID-19 procedures and guidelines.