

Community Update regarding the Pool and Fitness Center.

The board of Directors has spent a great deal of time reviewing the State mandates governing the opening of the Pool and Fitness center. Consultation was made with Legal Counsel, Insurance Carrier, Metropolitan Pool, Lorain County Health Department and local and national pool directors. After much consideration and deliberation, we decided to open the lobby and exercise portion of our Recreation Center only as we feel confident that we can adhere to the State Mandated guidelines. However, it was determined that we could not ensure adequate adherence to the Health Department's Mandates for operating the pool and therefore, the pool will remain closed for the remainder of 2020 swim season.

Foremost in our minds, was the fact that failure to comply with the state issued health department's mandates could result in the forfeiture of our pool license. If we were to lose our license, we could not obtain a new one without bringing the facility up to current code. Due to the potential financial impact of such a scenario, it was determined by the board that we should not open the pool for a shortened season. The risk associated with our potential inability to successfully manage social distancing far outweighed the associated benefits. As most of the Board members are avid users of the pool, we share in your disappointment.

To shed more light on the obstacles we would have to overcome to open the pool, please note the following:

1. Only 50 people would be permitted in the pool area at one time.
2. By recommendation of our Legal Counsel, no guests would be permitted.
3. Six lane lines would need to be installed to comply with the mandate that physical barriers would be required to help ensure social distancing. There would be a limit for four people per lane at each end of the pool.
4. We would need to hire between three and four people to monitor and enforce social distancing.
5. Metropolitan Pool nor any other pool management company will take the responsibility for the additional cleaning requirements for sanitation every two hours. Therefore, we would need to hire additional staff.
6. We would have to designate a person, which would not be a Metropolitan Pool employee, to handle Covid-19, social distancing, and cleaning concerns.
7. We would have to provide a pre-planned seating arrangement to our pool management company in order to open. The person enforcing social distancing would advise pool users as to what area of the deck they could occupy.
8. In order to be successful, we felt that we would need to hire a dedicated pool manager to monitor all the new rules and regulations. The pool budget would not allow for this added expense.

During our research, we noted that pools who are opening are doing so with a dedicated manager. In addition, most pools are opening with lap swim only for 45 minutes to 1-hour time limits. Those opening for open swim are allowing 2-hour time period with reservations. Currently, we are not set up to handle a reservation system. Our sister communities that include MeadowWood, Ledgewood and Mills Creek are not opening. Many neighboring municipal pools are likewise closed due to the stringent guidelines.

Again, we share with you in the disappointment of not being able to utilize the pool in the manner we are accustomed to. Let's hope that Covid-19 and the impact it has had on our community will soon become a distant memory.

Fitness Center User Guidelines

While a decision was made to proceed with the opening of the lobby and exercise room on June 8th, we retain the right to change operating hours and procedures at any time without notice. Failure to adhere to the new rules and regulations will result in immediate shut down of the facility. The Board and Fitness Committee will continue to monitor applicable mandates and recommendations made by the State Health Department and the Center for Disease Control and adjust accordingly. We are confident that you will follow the necessary guidelines to ensure that our facility remains a safe environment for all users.

The hours of operations will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Closed Tuesday and Thursday

Fitness Center Guidelines

1. Due to stringent cleaning and sanitizing requirements, we are opening the Lobby, locker rooms and exercise room. We will reevaluate weekly to determine when we can open the large meeting/banquet room including the ping pong area.
2. For the safety and added protection of our fellow neighbors and staff, masks are mandatory in the locker rooms and lobby. Masks are optional in the actual exercise room.
3. All participants of the exercise room will be required to sign a new waiver.
4. You must wash your hands with soap and water prior to entering the exercise room. All other residents entering the facility must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
5. You must sign in every time you visit the center even if it is just to buy a light bulb, borrow a book, etc.
6. No guests including personal trainers are not permitted until further notice.
7. Three individuals are allowed in the locker rooms at one time. Participants are encouraged to come prepared to workout and change at home.
8. The showers are closed until further notice.
9. Bathroom and all high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized with a Covid-19 approved disinfectant every two hours except for fitness equipment which participants are required to clean before and after use including the chairs at the entrance to the exercise room. Staff will disinfect at the end of each day as well. We ask that you kindly remind non-compliant users to disinfect their equipment after use.
10. If you do not already have a locker, you may not use any open lockers in the locker rooms. Those of you who have a locker are encouraged to wipe down your lockers after use.

11. Only the cubby holes that do not have tape may be used during your time at the center.
- 11 B. The radio, all exercise balls, and yoga mats have been removed. Please bring your own.
12. No items may be left in the fitness center.
13. A Lost and Found will not be maintained. Items unclaimed at the end of the day must be disposed of.
14. Please pay close attention to all signage as some equipment will be closed on certain days.
15. If you are sick and/or have a fever, please stay home. We expect you to self-monitor for the health of all fitness center users and staff.
16. If you test positive for Covid-19, please contact the Lorain County Health department. You may also contact John Kolb, Facility Manager in order to schedule appropriate cleaning.
17. We are following all the guidelines to minimize risk of infection. However, your use of the facility is voluntary, and we cannot guarantee that you will not contract Covid-19 or any other viruses.
18. Please do not borrow any book that has not been shelved. Use the library at your own risk. Please follow the instructions of any signage in the library area.
19. You must adhere to social distancing standards of 6 feet. Please do not congregate in the lobby or fitness room to socialize.

The new rules and procedures may seem daunting at times. But we will have extra staff and committee members on hand during the opening week to help acclimate you to the new procedures. We know that this has been a much-anticipated announcement. Please enjoy the exercise room and stay safe!

The Board of Directors