

TERRACE BAY SWIM POOL

Guidance for Reopening COVID-19



The Swim Pool is rescheduled to open starting July 6 to August 28 (8 weeks).

Open Swims will be offered – lunch lengths, open swim, family swim and adult/teen swim. We will be looking at offering Bronze Medallion & Cross to continue working on training upcoming lifeguards.

Hours of Operation :

Monday to Thursday - 1pm to 9pm,

Friday - 1pm to 8pm

Saturday - 1pm to 5pm

Closed Sunday

POOL STAFF:

Co-Managers: Justyne Patterson

Lifeguards:

Cos Figliomeni

Leah Morgan

Claire Talbot

Pool Assistants:

Lea Olive

Raoul Figliomeni

Ayla Patterson

Before Re-Opening

Notify of facility opening to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Train Staff

- All lifeguards and other recreational water facility staff must be aware of the signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- All staff will be trained on the proper use of personal protective equipment, when required.
- All staff will be trained on safety measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission during first aid and resuscitation.

Prepare the Recreational Water Facility

- Assess the layout and available space within the facility. Facility to allow for all staff and bathers to maintain a two metre (six feet) distance from each other.
- A Reduced capacity limit – 35 bather load will allow for adequate physical distancing.
- Notices will be posted indicating the facility capacity limit in visible locations throughout the facility (e.g. entrances, at pool/spa, deck, changerooms and showers).
- Change rooms will be closed and only used for shower and bathroom. Exception the changeroom will open for Lunch Lengths only for bathers. Pool Staff will monitor the access to the changerooms & showers.
- The tables and chairs will be spaced a minimum of two metres (six feet) apart.
- The bleacher seating area will be closed until it is permitted to open by provincial guidelines.

- All furniture locations will be marked so that they may be repositioned easily (e.g. tape/paint on the floor).
- Markers will be placed along the fence area for bathers to leave their towel and spaced the minimum 6 feet apart.
- Physical cues or guides for people by placing markers such as tape, stickers, safety cones or painted lines every two metres (six feet), where appropriate (e.g. entrances, service counters and showers).
- No access may be provided to slide & diving board.
- Pool Toys/Equipment will be allowed for use by the bathers, after use the pool staff will disinfect each piece of pool toys/equipment that were used. A sanitizing station will be set up for the staff by the maintenance department.
- Signs to be posted in a visible location at the entrance and other appropriate areas in the facility to raise awareness about health and safety measures that can help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Screening of Recreational Water Facilities

- Pool Staff will conduct active in-person health screening for all staff and bathers entering the pool.
- All bathers and pool staff will be required to hand sanitize prior to admittance.

Modify the facility to promote physical distancing

- Change rooms will be closed and only used for shower and bathroom. Pool Staff will monitor use and grant access to these areas.
- Lockers will only be used by pool staff.
- Main entrance and pool office will be locked to the public. The office will only be open for Pool Staff, and they will be required to wear masks if they cannot maintain social distancing in the office area.
- All Bathers will enter at the side gated entrance with social distancing markers. Pool Staff will take payment at the gated entrance if bathers do not have a season pass. Pool Staff will wear masks when serving the public at the entrances.
- All Bathers will exit through the pool office to go outside through the main doors.

During Active Operation

Stay home when you're sick

Remind staff and bathers to stay at home and not attend the recreational water facility if they are sick.

Implement an Attendance Reporting Policy for Staff

- Daily attendance records will be maintained and updated when a staff member is absent.
- Managers will follow-up with staff to determine the reason for any unplanned absences.
- Determine if a staff person's absence is due to illness, and note any symptoms (e.g. fever, sore throat, feeling unwell).
- Refer to the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms.
- Advise staff to call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000, or their primary care provider to determine if further care is required. COVID-19 testing is readily available at assessment centres.
- Monitor attendance records for patterns or trends (e.g. staff on the same shifts or over the course of a few days).

Staff that become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 while at work

- Staff who become ill while at work should be sent home immediately, and directed to the TBDHU website for more information about COVID-19.
- Staff exposed to a **confirmed case of COVID-19** will be excluded from work for 14 days.

- These individuals should also self-isolate and monitor for symptoms for the next 14 days. They should be advised to avoid contact with vulnerable persons or settings where vulnerable persons reside (e.g. long-term care homes).
- Staff with symptoms of COVID-19 should call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000, their health care provider or an assessment centre to determine if they need testing.
- Symptomatic staff who test negative for COVID-19 must be excluded from work until 24 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- Staff who are being managed by TBDHU (i.e. confirmed cases of COVID-19, household contacts of cases) should follow TBHDU instructions to determine when they can return to work.
- Tests for clearance to return to work are not necessary.

Screen staff, bathers and spectators for signs and symptoms of COVID-19

- Actively screen staff and bathers upon arrival or prior to the start of a shift.
- Pool Staff will ask bathers the screening questions
- Make alcohol-based hand sanitizer (70-90% alcohol concentration) available for use at the screening station for individuals who have answered **NO** to all questions prior to entry into the facility.
- Individuals who answer **YES** to any of the questions should not be permitted to enter the facility.
- Encourage individuals with symptoms to visit TBDHU website to learn about assessment centres, and to help determine if further health care is required.

Maintain logs of staff, bather and spectator contact information

- Pool Staff will keep daily logs of the name and contact information for staff and bathers.
- If there is a case of COVID-19 who was contagious while at the facility, public health will use that list to notify the staff and customers.

Manage the flow of people in the facility to promote physical distancing

- Monitor to ensure adherence to the reduced capacity limit (35 bather load)
- Bathers are to come in their swim suits with towel.
- Upon entering pool all bathers will proceed to the shower one at a time that will be monitored by Pool Staff. If child is with parent/guard, they both can go into the showers together.
- Swim Lanes will be roped for lunch lengths and adult swim.
- Stagger the flow of people entering and exiting the facility to prevent crowding.
- Stagger times for lap swims if required.
- Implementing appointments or time limits for the use of the facility so that facility capacity is more easily controlled will be used if required.

Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

- All pool staff and bathers are encouraged to practice hand hygiene prior, during and after use of the recreational water facility.
- Remind pool staff and bathers to avoid touching their face, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
- A hand sanitizer station will be provided at entrance and exit points.
- Hand soap and paper towels will be provided in the washrooms for staff and bathers.

Practice physical distancing

- Physical distancing means keeping a distance of two meters (six feet) from others who are not part of your household or social circle.
- Pool staff and bathers will be reminded not to share items, including food, water bottles, equipment, toys, and supplies and encourage everyone to keep their distance as best as possible.

- Pool Staff and bathers must maintain physical distancing in all areas of the facility (e.g. in the water, on the deck, in showers).
- Discourage crowding by advising facility users to return at another time if physical distancing is difficult or not possible.

Consider using cloth masks or face coverings

- Cloth masks or face coverings are strongly recommended when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masks can be worn on the deck or other areas of the facility.
- Masks do not replace the need for physical distancing, hand washing, and staying home when sick.
- Masks should not be worn in the water, placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Enhance environmental cleaning and disinfection

- Maintenance will implement an enhanced environmental cleaning and disinfection policies and procedures.
- Maintenance Staff will ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces and objects such as ladders, doorknobs, handrails, light switches, deck fixtures, etc., at least twice a day and when visibly dirty.
- Ensure locker rooms, change rooms, showers and washrooms are cleaned and disinfected as frequently as is necessary to maintain a sanitary environment.
- Rescue equipment (e.g. throwing-aids, reaching poles) will be cleaned and disinfected after each use by the Pool Staff.
- Pool Toys will be allowed for use by the bathers. After use the pool staff will disinfect each piece of pool toys and/or equipment that were used. A sanitizing station will be set up for the staff by the maintenance department
- Review Public Health Ontario's Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings fact sheet.
- Refer to Health Canada's list of hard-surface disinfectants for information on disinfectants effective against COVID-19.
- Pool Staff and Maintenance Staff will maintain a log to track cleaning and disinfecting activities.

Lifeguards and water safety

- Physical distancing must not compromise safety supervision or the bather's safety (e.g. rescues, first aid).
- To ensure the safety of all spectators, lifeguards who are actively providing safety supervision will not be expected to monitor adherence to measures outlined in this document (e.g. physical distancing, screening). These responsibilities will be assigned to Lifeguards not on guard duty and Pool Assistants.

Provision of personal protective equipment

- Lifeguards and other recreational water facility staff should wear personal protective equipment (e.g. face mask, gloves) appropriate for the work being performed (e.g. first aid).
- Each Lifeguard will be supplied with their own PPE and mask in a hip waist pack.
- Each Lifeguard will be supplied with their own rescue tubes, and responsible for storing it in their locker for the season.

Maintain water filtration and disinfection systems

- Adequate filtration and disinfection of water should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Ensure the facility's water filtration and disinfection systems (i.e. with chlorine or bromine) are maintained and operating properly.

- Where required, disinfectant levels in public pools, spas, wading pools and splash pads must be maintained according to Ontario Regulation 565 – Public Pools.

Maintain heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems

- Ensure the HVAC system(s) for the facility, deck or relevant area(s) are adequately maintained.
- Increase the introduction and circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors, the use of fans, or other methods, where possible. However, do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety risk to staff, bathers or spectators.
- If fans are used, they must be positioned to provide an upward movement of air.

Communication with pool staff and bathers

- Develop and implement communication platforms to provide information about programs, health and safety measures (e.g. screening, physical distancing, staying home when sick) with bathers and staff through the facilities website, email or social media accounts.
- Designate a point of contact (e.g. supervisor) who will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns from staff and bathers.

Workplace health and safety

- All employees will have health and safety training prior to opening of the facility.
- Employers must have written measures and procedures for staff safety, including for infection prevention and control.
- Ontario has general information on COVID-19 and workplace health and safety, where employers can learn about their responsibilities and how to protect workers at work.
- Workers can also get information about health and safety protections at the workplace.

The Township of Terrace Bay continues to monitor and adapt to the guidelines and recommendations of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Province of Ontario and Federal Government. Our operating guidelines may be adjusted and/or changed as required at any time.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in contract cancellation and removal from the facility. The Township of Terrace Bay reserves this right at all times.