

**THE GUILFORD AND MALLARD POOLS WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY JUNE 20TH
FOLLOWING CONNECTICUT PHASE 2 REOPENING GUIDELINES**

Governor Lamont has moved up the starting date of Phase 2 Reopening to June 17th. However, the Farmington Woods swimming pools will not open until Saturday, June 20th, under an abundance of caution that the facilities and pool staff are ready to operate safely and securely meeting the requirements of Governor Lamont's sector rules and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, the Connecticut Department of Health and the Farmington Valley Health District that include social distancing, cleaning and disinfection protocols and a program that safeguards the health of our employees and residents. In order to follow the social distancing requirements and to ensure adequate staffing to operate under health guidelines, only the Guilford Pool and the Mallard Pool will be opened during Phase 2. The Byron Pool and the Greenwich Pool will remain closed.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POOLS - WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT:

Capacity: The total number of patrons in the pool area and pool is limited to the number of people that can safely fit on the pool deck area while maintaining the 6 ft social distance guideline, including 3 ft wide walking paths. This requirement will limit the Guilford Pool capacity to 25 and the Mallard Pool capacity to 16.

Scheduling: Due to capacity limitations, the pools will operate under a schedule of 2-hour time blocks, with a 1 hour period in between sessions to sanitize in accordance with regulations. Reservations must be made for pool use. Only one reservation per household per day please.

Pool Hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 7 days a week

Sessions will be scheduled as follows:

10 a.m. – 12 noon, Pool Open, Session 1

12 noon – 1 p.m., Closed for Cleaning

1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Pool Open, Session 2

3 p.m. – 4 p.m., Closed for Cleaning

4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Pool Open, Session 3

Pool hours/availability may be affected by weather conditions or unforeseen conditions related to the pandemic.

Reservations: The Pool Manager will begin taking reservations on Friday, June 19, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. for pool sessions on Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st. Reservations for the Guilford and Mallard pools may be made by calling the Guilford Pool at 860-675-2114.

After June 20, 2020, reservations may be made for up to 7 days in advance and may be made in person at the pools at the discretion of the Pool Manager. Reservations should be made in advance to ensure availability.

No Guest Policy Implemented: Only residents and unit owners will be allowed to use the pools. Guest passes will not be available this season. All pool users will be registered upon entry, to include full names, addresses and contact information in the event that pandemic conditions necessitate contact tracing.

No Groups/Classes: Water aerobics class and other group activities will not be scheduled. Pool parties will not be allowed.

Pool Furniture: Pool furniture will be removed. Each pool patron must bring their own chair each time they come to the pool to prevent the spread of virus from shared pool furniture. The pool deck will be marked out in 6-foot increments to allow individuals or members of the same household to remain at least 6 feet apart from others when seated on the pool deck.

Face Coverings/Masks: Cloth face coverings shall be required to be worn throughout the pool deck area, in the restrooms and when entering and exiting the pool facility unless doing so would be contrary to health or safety due to medical conditions. Face masks are not required while in the pool as cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when they're wet. Face masks are not required for individuals or family units when seated on the pool deck within the pre-marked 6-ft. social distancing increments.

Indoor Showers and Changing Rooms Closed to Minimize the Spread of Virus: Pool patrons should arrive in their swimsuits and shower prior to arriving at the pool.

Water Filling Stations Only: Pool patrons should bring their own water bottle. Water fountain use shall be restricted to water bottle filling stations only.

6 Foot Distancing: Patrons must wait in line to enter the pool in 6-foot increments to comply with social distancing and remain 6 feet away from anyone outside their household.

Staffing: There will be an increase in pool staff to allow lifeguards to monitor swimmers while additional pool staff check passes, register patrons and ensure that social distancing is maintained and sanitization measures continue in accordance with regulations.

Pool Tags/Wrist Bands: All residents are required to have and to display a blue 2020-2022 Farmington Woods pool wrist band/tag.

Blue elastic wrist/ankle bands with numbered ID tag will be issued from outside of the M.A. Office beginning on Monday, June 15, 2020. Pool bands will only be issued during the hours of 2 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. The blue pool bands are valid through the 2022 season. Please do not throw them out at season's end. The cost to replace a band will be \$20 each.

COVID19 Warning: Those showing symptoms of illness and/or those failing to comply with COVID19 guidelines, pool employee instructions, pool rules and posted signage will result in being asked to leave the pool facility. **If you have symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with symptoms Do Not patron pools. All pool patrons assume individual risk.**

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, continues to remind us that the ongoing pandemic is far from over. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are extremely vulnerable.