

West Hillandale Swim Club

2021 Guidelines

The swim club will follow current guidance provided by the Maryland Department of Health, as well as [Montgomery County](#). These guidelines may be more restrictive than government-mandated capacity restrictions with safety at the top of mind, and are subject to change as requirements evolve.

Expectations

Members will not come to the swim club knowingly with any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, breathing difficulty, chest pain, coughing, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or if they have been in contact with someone identified as having COVID-19. These symptoms are not all inclusive.

Coming to the pool is an individual risk decision. The members of the Board of Directors, lifeguards, swim coaches nor the management company are not responsible for enforcing these guidelines, such as social distancing or the use of facial coverings.

Accordingly, it is our collective, yet individual responsibility to follow these guidelines. Members will endeavor to support WHSC's commitment to provide a safe and inclusive swim club experience for all with the understanding that members of the WHSC community need to mutually uphold those guidelines.

- If a member is uncomfortable with how another member is practicing social distancing per the guidelines of the swim club, then they have the right and responsibility to politely ask the other member to adjust their behavior.
- If a member is asked by another member to adjust behavior(s) to comply with the guidelines, they have the right to ask for clarification if necessary and, if appropriate, to adjust any behavior(s).

While these guidelines remain a significant change from a "normal" summer at the pool, we feel strongly and are working hard to ensure that the pool will remain a fun and safe place to visit.

Please also see the following on our website: 1) Revised Pool Rules; 2) Lighthouse standard operating procedure; and 3) waiver.

Contact WHSCmembers@gmail.com if you have any questions or feedback.

Capacity

Montgomery County allows the swim club to operate at full capacity.

A real-time tracking tool on the pool's website will show how many individuals are at the pool at any time. We will provide periodic updates on usage so that members can make informed decisions on when they'd like to use the facility

The West Hillandale Board may revert to a reservation process based on COVID restrictions, member feedback and/or usage.



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Guests are permitted (4 per unit per day) – *Monday through Thursday only*. Members are responsible for their guests and must have an adult accompanying them.

Emergency and/or household guardians such as grandparents and nannies may be included when parent/guardians are not present.

Entry & Exit

The lifeguards will be monitoring members entering the facility for contact tracing and will have access to the membership list. Members will enter through the parking lot gate. Members must notify guards of their exit as they depart the swim club.

General Protocols

- **Stay Home if You are Sick:** Members should not enter the pool facility if they are sick, have a temperature or show signs of illness, or if they have been in contact with someone identified as having COVID-19.
- **Hand Washing:** Clean hands often. WHSC will have a supply of hand sanitizer and soap for hand washing. However, members are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- **Social Distancing:** Members must stay at least six (6) feet apart from other individuals not from their household or social group.
- **Face Coverings:** Members over age two should wear face coverings when interacting with staff or other individuals not from their household or social group, in common areas, when entering/exiting the facility, or using the restrooms. Members should not wear face coverings in the water.
- **Restrooms:** Restrooms will be available and cleaned periodically. Showers will be available, but members are encouraged to shower at home. We ask members to minimize time in the restrooms.
- **Kitchen & Grills:** The kitchen, prep space and ice maker are available for members. As always, members may bring coolers and their own food and supplies to enjoy. Grills will be available for use, but members are responsible for their own charcoal and grilling tools. As directed by the county, drinking fountains will be turned off or covered to prevent use.
- **Lap Lanes:** Lap lanes will be subject to capacity restrictions (currently more than 1 per lane is allowed provided distancing is observed), and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. A white board for lane reservations will be available.
- **Chairs:** There will be a limited number of chairs available for use. If you have concerns about usage, you should bring your own disinfectant wipes or a chair from home.



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- **Picnic Tables:** The picnic tables will be placed throughout the property to ensure members have an opportunity to eat and maintain social distancing. Picnic tables should not be used in lieu of chairs or storage. Tables on the patio should be kept open for eating, in so far as that is possible.
- **Parties:** As of now, no formal parties (e.g., birthdays at the pavilion) will be permitted.
- **Float/Raft Days:** No “float days” (when members bring inflatables) on Sundays.
- **Balls & Toys:** There will be no communal toys or balls available for use. Members may bring their own pool toys for personal use, as long as it doesn’t interfere with the enjoyment of other members. No squirt/water guns allowed.
- **Age Restrictions:** Only children ages 13 or older may be at the pool without an adult.

