



Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St. , La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org



Protocols for Reopening of Swimming Pools

Pool capacity has been reduced to 50%. The following pool capacity numbers have been established for the 2021 Aquatic Season to ensure social distancing requirements both in the pool vessel, but also the pool deck:

- Erickson Pool – 300
- Northside Community Pool – 280
- Veterans Memorial Pool – 200

Capacity allows for proper social distancing on the pool deck in the event of a fecal incident or other life-safety situation where bathers may need to exit the pool and remain on the pool deck or evacuate to another location.

Swim Lessons

Swimming lessons will be taught on a one instructor to five swimmer basis in order to achieve social distancing. The following modifications will be implemented:

- Instructors must stay six feet apart from other swim instructors.
- Swim instructors must wear a plastic face shield when interacting with guests.
- Swimmer may be accompanied by one adult. The one adult accompanying the swimmer must wear an appropriate face covering.
 - Swimmer will not wear a face covering while in the water.
- Swimmer may arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled lesson time.

Registration

There will be two forms of registration that will be used at the three pools to provide contact information for patrons in the event that they need to be reached regarding COVID-19 contact tracing.

- Signs with a QR code will allow patrons to scan using their smartphones. The responses will be time stamped. The link will include questions such as:
 - Name and phone number
 - Attendance date
 - Pool location
- Paper registration will be used for patrons who do not have access to a smartphone. Pool attendants at each pool will record contact information for patrons on a daily basis including the time that they registered.



Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St. , La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org



Open Swim:

The three community pools will be divided into two open swim sessions, Session A and Session B (please see individual pool schedule for details). This decision was implemented in order to sanitize all areas of the pools throughout each day.

Erickson Pool Schedule		
2412 Losey Boulevard South Hotline: 608.791.8918		
Mondays - Thursdays	10:30am - 12:15pm	Swim Lessons
	12:15pm - 12:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Open Swim Session A
	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Sanitizing Break
	4:00pm - 7:00pm	Open Swim Session B
Fridays - Sundays	11:00am - 3:00pm	Open Swim Session A
	3:00pm - 3:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	3:30pm - 7:30pm	Open Swim Session B

North Side Community Pool Schedule		
816 Sill Street Hotline: 608.791.8956		
Mondays - Thursdays	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Open Swim Session A
	5:00pm - 5:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	5:30pm - 7:15pm	Swim Lessons
Fridays - Sundays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Open Swim Session A
	4:00pm - 4:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	4:30pm - 7:30pm	Open Swim Session B

Veterans Memorial Pool Schedule		
1901 Campbell Road Hotline: 608.791.8919		
Mondays - Thursdays	9:00am - 10:30am	Lap Swim
	10:30am - 11:00am	Sanitizing Break
	11:00am - 3:00pm	Open Swim Session A
	3:00pm - 3:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	3:30pm - 7:30pm	Open Swim Session B
Fridays - Sundays	11:00am - 3:00pm	Open Swim Session A
	3:00pm - 3:30pm	Sanitizing Break
	3:30pm - 7:30pm	Open Swim Session B

During the 2021 Aquatic Season, Pool Punch Passes will be available to City of La Crosse residents; however, due to reduced capacities, the annual and single membership will not be available.



Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St. , La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org



Lobby and Locker Rooms

The following measures will be taken to enforce social distancing and to limit contact in our lobby areas and locker rooms:

- Sanitizing stations will be installed at the entrance to the facilities and at key locations throughout where patrons are likely to come in contact with shared equipment.
- User sanitation and safety requirements, including showering, will be enforced as stated:
 - Guests will not be allowed to congregate while waiting for access. Floor markings, outdoor distancing, waiting in cars, or other techniques to maintain adequate separation will be used.
 - Guests will not be allowed to congregate in locker rooms. Guests will be encouraged to dress ready for swimming.
- Water fountains will not be accessible within the pool facilities.
- Urinal and sink access will be limited to maintain proper social distancing.

Pool Deck and Bodies of Water

The following measures will be taken to enforce social distancing and to limit contact on our pool deck and in bodies of water:

- Deck furniture will be arranged in accordance with distancing requirements.
- Furniture locations will be marked.
- The number of individuals on play features will be limited to avoid crowding.
- Markings indicating proper distancing will be installed for features that likely will require lines. These features include:
 - Diving boards
 - Slides
 - Other aquatic play features.
- Proper distance between swimmers will be implemented for lap swimming. One patron per lane at a time is allowed for lap swimming. Patrons are required to swim in the middle of the lane to allow for maximum distance between their heads.

Staffing

Our department has reviewed staffing and will implement the following to ensure a safe environment:

- Adequate staffing will be required to accommodate modifications to the operation, including altered hours of operation, enhanced cleaning, and disinfecting protocols.



Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St. , La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org



- All staff, monitors, attendants, or screeners will be trained on new procedures and expectations. Staff will be provided this plan and be trained on and familiar with its contents.
- Staff will be scheduled into teams to reduce exposures.
- Sick leave (time off) policies and practices have been implemented for staff that are flexible and non-punitive.
- Attendants will be assigned to monitor the capacities and social distancing while pools are open.
- A lifeguard, while on lifeguard duty, will NOT perform duties of the attendant/monitor/screener or be given additional duties that distract from the responsibilities of lifeguarding.

Signage

To adequately communicate reduced capacities, social distancing requirements, and other hygiene and safety measures, our facilities will provide and post the following signage throughout the pool areas and facility entrances:

- Reduced capacity
- Social distancing
- Reminders to wash hands and practice good personal hygiene
- Recommend use of face coverings with note to NOT use face coverings while swimming
- Location of handwashing and sanitizing stations
- Instructions on how to identify COVID-19 symptoms and information about being excluded if individuals or household members are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Face Coverings

We will encourage the use of cloth face coverings for employees and guests when not in the pool. Lifeguards will wear masks when moving around the facility. When seated in guard chairs, masks can be removed. Standing guards will be required to wear a mask.

Guests entering the locker rooms or lobby areas will be required to wear a mask.

Cleaning and Disinfecting the Facility

Cleaning and disinfection of the pool area and facility will occur at the following times each day:

- Before opening
- At scheduled breaks
- After closing

The following areas and equipment will be cleaned:



Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St. , La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org



- Ladders (above water level)
- Handrails (above water level)
- Tables
- Doorknobs
- Switches
- Deck furniture
- Drinking fountains
- Emergency phones
- Toilets
- Faucets
- Sinks
- Diving equipment