

Changes to Valley Aquatic Centre Operations as of July 11th, 2021

As of July 11th, the Government of Saskatchewan will be lifting all COVID restrictions, including maximum capacity limitations, physical distancing requirements and the mandatory use of face coverings. This is a monumental moment for the province and recreation industry but there are certain restrictions that may remain in place to continue to protect staff and the public.

The following information outlines the changes and procedures for Valley Aquatic Centre, effective July 11th, 2021.

1. Masks will not be required while in the facility but are welcome to be worn based on comfort level.
2. Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available for use.
3. Lifeguards will continue mask use when administering First Aid and appropriate PPE for major emergencies.
4. Capacity restrictions for the facility will be increased to 100 for the remainder of July and reviewed for the month of August.
5. 15 minutes will continue to be scheduled in between programming to allow for facility cleaning & disinfection. Cleaning & disinfection will be consistent throughout the lifeguard's shift.
6. Pre-registration for Public Swimming, Aquacise, Adult Swim and Lane Swim will continue to be encouraged as we are still operating at a reduced capacity. This will be reviewed for the month of August.
7. For swimming lessons, the requirement of parents in the water for pre-school and levels 1-4 will be lifted, **effective July 12th, 2021**. Parents are still welcome to assist their child in the water if they prefer.
8. Instructors will return to teaching from the water. Lesson capacities will stay at reduced levels and return to pre-COVID registration numbers, **effective July 26th, 2021**.
9. We will encourage facility users to exit out the north gate on the pool deck to continue to avoid gathering and crowding in the changerooms.
10. Children ages 9-11 will not require adult supervision in the facility while public swimming although it is still highly recommended. Children ages 7-8, will require supervision of someone 15 years+ in the facility. A reminder that children 6 and under still require an adult in the water within arms reach.
11. Lockers will re-open and be disinfected by lifeguards, but we encourage you to bring your items out on the pool deck to avoid crowding in the changerooms.
12. The water fountain will be available, but we highly recommend bringing a water bottle or sending one with your child.
13. Physical distancing from those not part of your household is a good practice to continue when out in a public setting.
14. **Please PLEASE—stay HOME if you are SICK!**

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.