



## YMCA SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING SWIM LESSONS

We believe the role of the YMCA is critical as families attempt to get back to a new normal. The safety of our staff and children in our care is our highest priority.

However, some of the protective measures that we can expect from adults are, for a variety of reasons, simply not possible for young children to practice. In some cases, children are too young to understand, or consistently practice the precautions, and in other cases the precaution may create a new safety concern. All of these factors mean that while certain precautions against the spread of COVID-19 can and will be applied in our aquatics programs, our infection control measures will differ from those that may be suitable for other environments.

Additional elements of our infection control plan include:

- Encouraging social distancing through activity design and reminders
- Parents/guardians should self-monitor anyone coming to the Y by looking for any signs and symptoms of Covid-19 and take temperatures prior to coming to the Y. If you have any symptoms or a temperature over 100.3 please do not come to the Y
- Only 1 parent per participant
- Enhance cleaning and sanitation protocols of curriculum items between use and/or groups
- Reduced ratios
- Swim lessons will be hosted in groups
- Groups will be socially distant from other groups and will remain together for the duration of the session
- Within groups, participants will attempt to be at fingertip length apart during the lesson
- Daily staff health screening and temperature checks
- Upon parent or staff request you will see swim instructors wearing face coverings during lessons. As safe and allowed teachers may move to less visible face coverings. We will make every attempt to make your child feel comfortable.

The CDC issued guidance that it is safe to swim as the Covid-19 virus cannot be spread via properly chlorinated and maintained pool water. YMCA pools meet or exceed the health standards set by the CDC. For more information on Covid-19 and swimming pools please visit the CDC website.