



COVID-19 Updates for Beach Opening

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These priority updates supplement existing rules & responsibilities for patrons and waterfront staff in order to safely operate with modifications due to COVID-19

Lakeside Park
Town of Pawling, NY

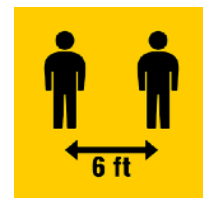
PHYSICAL SPACE

- **Modified set-up** and placement of docks will ensure better social distancing and a more open dynamic at the waterfront. There will no longer be camper/ public sides, just one large section of swimming between docks. No lane lines will be added to the water this year.
- The 2 main **lifeguard chairs** we have will be placed side by side. One chair used for the first shift and one for the second shift. Chairs must be sanitized completely at the end of each day in order to be ready for the next day's use. Guards will be encouraged to bring their own chair covering to better maximize hygiene at this shared station.
- Waterfront **perimeter fencing** installed (temporary snow fence until our seasonal fence is installed) to better manage a single entry and exit while also avoiding any public entry for those not pre-registered and pre-paid.
- **Restrooms** will only be accessible to waterfront patrons and staff. Public restrooms are not guaranteed. Signage will be placed near and in restrooms as hygiene/social distancing reminders.
- Waterfront Check-In (Shed) will serve as the **single entry/exit point** and as the **first aid station**/lifeguard storage area.



HYGIENE FOCUS

- Patrons will be encouraged about **best hygiene practices** in writing with their reservation agreement, verbally upon entry onto beach, and with repetitive on-site signage to:
 - Maintain a safe social distance of at least 6 feet between themselves and others outside of their household.
 - Stay home if they are feeling sick or have been around someone sick.
 - Use face coverings/masks if they cannot social distance effectively.
 - Practice regular and proper hand washing.
 - Follow directions posted on all park signage.



- Restrooms and **high touch surfaces** will be intermittently sanitized during each half-hour break in the public swim schedule and at the end of each day (happens at least 4x daily).
- Use of **shared equipment** is not advised; therefore, no boats, lifejackets, or sand toys that are property of the Town of Pawling will be available to the public at this time.
- **Adequate supplies** will be monitored and stocked appropriately multiple times per day, especially in restrooms. Hand sanitizer stations will be attached to the inside of the Waterfront Check-In Shed and sanitizing wipes will be readily available wherever staff members are present.



- **PPE/Masks** - **Waterfront Director** should be wearing a mask while closely interacting with the public (mostly during check in/out times), but is not required to keep it on during all times (be sensitive to the heat and use best judgement while outdoors). **Lifeguard on duty** is not required to wear a mask on chair, but must have one on their person if they need to closely interact with members of the public and cannot maintain a social distance. **Patrons** are not required to wear masks on the beach, as long as social distance is taking place effectively. Patrons are required to have a mask available if they cannot social distance in public spaces, primarily at check-in or in the restroom setting, etc. although everything will be done to accommodate a safe social distance in all scenarios.

PATRON MANAGEMENT



- Patrons must **pre-register (online only)** for a reserved time slot pass in order to take advantage of the waterfront this season. No walk-up daily passes will be issued or sold. No ‘season’ waterfront memberships will be sold this year.
- Waterfront Director will check the **reservation list** for each person in order to grant them access into the waterfront area through the single entry point.
- **No wristbands** will be used for patron identifiers in order to ensure limited contact with the public. Patrons will only be permitted entry based on advance registration.
- A **30 person capacity** will be the limit per “Beach Pass” per time slot; Time slots as follows with 30 minute transition times in between:



- **10AM** (10:00am-11:30am)
 - **12PM** (12:00pm-1:30pm)
 - **2PM** (2:00pm-3:30pm)
 - **4PM** (4:00-5:30pm)
- Patrons **can bring their own** toys and lifejackets (coastguard approved), as long as that particular equipment is not shared with anyone outside of their household.



- Patrons will be permitted to access the lake for other waterfront use if they bring their own **boats, paddle boards, or kayaks** along with their own lifejacket. Pre-registration terms still apply and accommodations will be made for safe, separate entry if needed. No walk-up service allowed.

- **Carry-In/Carry-Out:** Shared eating areas are highly discouraged. If patrons choose to bring their own food or drinks, they must carry out all trash items. Garbage receptacles at the waterfront area will not be available for this purpose.

STAFF DUTIES

- **Waterfront Director** will act as sole supervisor of main lifeguard on duty while managing public entry from reservations. Waterfront Director will also be responsible for reminding the public about social distancing guidelines. Waterfront Director reserves the right to refuse waterfront use to anyone who cannot comply with social distancing recommendations.
- **Lifeguard** on duty will be responsible for keeping waterfront patrons safe with eyes on the water at all times; they should NOT be enforcing social distancing protocol, as this is a potential distraction - this will be up to the Director or head lifeguard as the supervisor on site.
- **ARC guidelines** must be followed when interacting with any person in a first aid or lifesaving situation.
- **Opening duties/routine** - the lifeguard will always make sure the beach is ready for the day by:
 - Clearing the beach of debris and rake beach if necessary.
 - Gathering their separately stored supplies (on a hook in Shed).
 - Attaching chair covering, if desired, before needing to be on duty.



- Other duties as assigned by Waterfront Director or as part of regular responsibilities as a lifeguard.
- Administrative duties/opening operations will be completed by the Waterfront Director of Head Lifeguard.
- **Lifeguard supplies** - Each lifeguard must have their own waterproof watch and working whistle in order to be on duty. Lifeguards will be issued their own tube and first aid pack assigned to them for the entire season if supplies allow and/or as much as possible.
- **Each 30 minutes** (transition time) between patrons, the **guard on duty** will:
 - Reapply sunscreen/Properly Hydrate/Seek additional shade.
 - Make sure the beach is clear of debris and anything left behind by patrons, ensure things look ready for the next time slot; rake beach if necessary.
 - Take a quick swim to stay mentally alert/physically ready.
- **Each 30 minutes** (transition time) between patrons, the **Waterfront Director or Head Guard** will:
 - Sanitize high touch surfaces and bathroom (stall doors/toilet seats/sinks/handles) with beach and water solution; trash removed; restocking paper items if necessary.
 - Prep paperwork/administrative tasks for the next set of registered patrons.
- **Exiting a shift/closing duties**, the lifeguard will always make sure it is ready for the next shift or the next day by:
 - Clearing the beach of debris and anything left behind by patrons, ensuring things look ready for the next time slot; rake beach if necessary.
 - Hanging up their supplies separately from others (on a hook in Shed) and sanitizing guard tubes at the end of shift and backboard at the end of the day.
 - Other duties as assigned by Waterfront Director or as part of regular responsibilities as a lifeguard.
 - Administrative duties/closing operations will be completed by the Waterfront Director of Head Lifeguard.

