

# EL PASO COUNTY

## Parks & Recreation

**The following reopening guidelines and recommendations are intended to provide safety measures for staff while working and guests visiting/renting any County Aquatic facilities.**

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### **Plan your visit**

- Monitor your health on a daily basis. Check your body temperature before visiting our facility and any COVID-19 signs or symptoms.
- Stay home if you have a temperature or are not feeling well. Anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days, awaiting COVID-19 results and those living in the same household with someone positive for COVID-19 and not fully immunized, need to stay home.
- Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be allowed to enter any of the Aquatic facilities.
- For your safety and in order to maintain the quality of our pool water, proper swim attire is required. No exceptions.
- Recommendation: Wear your bathing suit underneath your clothes. Wear clothes easy to change out of and back into.
- In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and continue to protect yourself, your family and the general public it is strongly recommended to wear a face mask. Bring two masks as you may need to replace your mask if it becomes damp, wet or is accidentally dropped. Disposable face masks may be of your preference, please discard safely in proper trash bin.
- Recommendation: Place your mask in a small plastic bag to minimize contamination before and after each use. Write your name on both bags. Write dirty/used on one and clean on the other.
- Water fountains will be closed in an effort to prevent contamination.
- Recommendation: Bring water bottles, at least 1 bottle per hour. Freeze your bottle the night before so that you have cold water throughout your visit and be able to stay hydrated.
- Cash is the only form of payment. Exact change may help reduce time spent in line.



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### **Upon your arrival**

- In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and continue to protect yourself, your family and the general public it is strongly recommended to wear a face. Face mask must be properly used over mouth and nose. Masks must have a snug fit. If you have to be constantly touching your mask to place it back over your nose, it is not a proper fit. By constantly touching the mask you may be at risk of infection.
- Parents/guardians if your child is wearing a face mask make sure they are properly using their face mask.
- Stand on the floor marking decals while waiting in line to enter the facility.
- Have form of payment ready in order to move quickly through the admission line.
- Stand behind the line in front of the admission window and do not lean on the counter.
- Maintain minimal interaction with others outside of your household while waiting in line.
- Upon entry please become familiarized with all signage, rules and policies. Should you have any questions and/or concerns staff may assist you.
- Follow good hygiene practices in all areas of the facility.
- Physical distance and good hygiene behavior will be enforced throughout the day.
- Staff will frequently be cleaning and disinfecting restrooms and other high touch areas between and after swim sessions.
- Restrooms may be closed after cleaning to allow disinfectants to stay wet on a surface for a certain amount of time in order for them be effective.

### **Throughout your visit**

- To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and continue to protect yourself, your family and the general public it is strongly recommended to wear a face covering when not swimming.
- Masks cannot be placed on deck floor or on bleachers, place it in a bag with the rest of your belongings when not worn.
- Avoid crowding spaces on the pool deck, inside the pool, restrooms and picnic area.
- Maintain a minimum of 6ft. apart in and out of the water to provide safe distancing from others that are not part of your household.
- Avoid swimming near others, shaking hands or hugging anyone not living in your household.



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- Wash hands thoroughly and often for at least 20 seconds, before and after mask use, before and after restroom use and after every contact with rails, ramps and restroom high touch areas.
- Use hand sanitizer where available throughout the facility. If you bring your own sanitizer, make sure it is at least 60% alcohol and it is kept away from children and heat exposure.
- Cough or sneeze away from others into your upper sleeve. If you are not wearing a shirt with sleeves always use a tissue and wash your hands immediately after.
- Parents/Guardians encourage your children to let you know if they are not feeling well.
- Should you become ill with COVID like symptoms during your visit, you will be asked to leave the facility.
- In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and continue to protect yourself, your family and the general public it is strongly recommended to wear a face mask before approaching a lifeguard or first aid station.

### **Before leaving the pool**

- Please make sure you take all your belongings.
- To avoid contamination, we do not have a lost and found.
- County of El Paso will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Visit [COVID19.epcounty.com](https://www.epcounty.com/covid19) for more information and updates on COVID-19 county orders.
- Contact the Parks and Recreation office at (915) 771-2380 should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns.

