

WILLOW GROVE OF DUBLIN - COVID-19 RULES FOR THE 2021 POOL SEASON

The Franklin County Health Department has published a current list of requirements and recommendations for local and public pools and aquatic centers. As with last year's pool season, we have taken this list of requirements and recommendations and adapted accordingly for current pool use rules. These rules **MUST** be followed until further notice. We are asking owners to report any person that violates the rules to Patterson-Merkle Management. Although the Franklin County Health Department has relaxed the rules a bit from last year, we are still subject to inspection and want to ensure we are in compliance to avoid our pool being shut down.

To that end, in conjunction with Patterson-Merkle, the following will transpire:

1. Patterson-Merkle will ensure we have the appropriate license to operate for the 2021 pool season, which will be from May 21, 2021, until September 19, 2021.
2. Warning signs will continue to be posted at both pool entrances to indicate no life guard on duty and that patrons swim at their own risk. Those who utilize the pool do so understanding that additional risks may be involved in relation to COVID-19. Parents/guardians of minors under their care understand they are responsible for educating and monitoring said minors.
3. Those utilizing the pool agree to abide, at all times, with rules contained in the Willow Grove of Dublin Resident Handbook and agree to hold harmless the Willow Grove of Dublin Home Owner's Association/individual residents/tenants for any injuries/illnesses incurred as a result of their decision to use the pool. **As indicated in the handbook, the pool hours will be 9:00 a.m. to dusk.**
4. All who use the pool share in the responsibility of keeping the pool area clean and safe for all to enjoy (e.g., proper disposal of trash, not bringing glass containers/cups to the pool area which can break and cause injury to someone; taking towels and pool floats/toys back home).
5. All who use the pool will be **REQUIRED** to follow Ohio mandates for social distancing, masking, congregating, and reporting confirmed cases of COVID-19. That means that masks are required outside in the pool area when not possible to maintain social distancing of six (6) feet or more with people from different households; if wearing a mask is deemed necessary, remove mask before entering the pool as wet masks can cause difficulty breathing; avoid gathering in groups; and stay home if experiencing a fever, cough, or other signs of COVID-19.
6. All who use the pool will ensure their hands are washed/sanitized before entering the pool area. Hand sanitizer will be in the pool area outside of the bathrooms for additional use by patrons as they deem necessary. Patrons are welcome to bring their own hand sanitizer as well.
7. All who use the pool will cover sneezes and coughs with their sleeve or elbow, not their hands.
8. All who use the pool will take precautions to reduce touching of common objects/surfaces such as doors, rails, pool ladders. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of every pool patron to wipe

down surfaces prior to use as he/she deems necessary. Neither Patterson-Merkle, nor the Board members will be held responsible for monitoring when/how often common surfaces are wiped down. When no current known confirmed cases of COVID-19 exist in a given area, the Franklin County Health Department recommends wiping down common surfaces once a day.

9. Pool patrons are asked to bring their own bags for disposal of trash back at their respective residences. As with last year, no trash receptacles will be available at the pool this season to reduce the possibility of transferring any illnesses.

10. Pool furniture will be available for use this year. You may bring your own sanitizing wipes to clean prior to use, however, sanitizing wipes will be available in the pool area outside of the bathrooms for patron use. As outlined in the Resident Handbook, towels must also be placed on pool furniture prior to use.

11. The grill will be NOT be available for use this year to help deter large gatherings.

12. All who use the pool will utilize the bathrooms at their respective condos. The pool bathrooms will be closed this year to reduce the risk of transmitting any illnesses.

13. All objects left behind at the end of each day will be disposed of (e.g., towels, toys, sunglasses).

14. Guests of residents will be permitted to utilize the pool but **MUST** abide by all established rules. **NOTE: Patterson-Merkle and the Board reserve the right to revoke permitting guests to utilize the pool if it is determined this causes an inflated use of the pool that does not permit required social distancing as dictated by the Franklin County Health Department.**