



## IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE

### Government Guidelines for Pools

The City of Steinbach wants to ensure public safety and caution at this time. All renters/users of the Steinbach Aquatic Centre are strongly encouraged to follow and stay up-to-date on the Province of Manitoba Covid-19 Pandemic Guidelines and Regulations to ensure safe and preventative practices.

The following information is from the Province of Manitoba Updates:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>

Patrons at higher risk of serious illness may consider waiting to return to these facilities.

#### FACILITY ENTRANCE

- Limit occupancy to 50 per cent of normal business levels and maintain a separation of at least two meters between people
- Social distancing must be established in entrance areas and lobbies
- Screening all patrons for symptoms and exposures
- Staff and clients stay home when ill with COVID-19 symptoms
- Staff and clients use the online self-screening tool before attending the facility
  - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Using a booking system to reserve a block of time
  - using contactless/cashless forms of payment
- Encourage individuals to change and shower at home
- Using staggered entry times
- Closing saunas and steam rooms and only opening hot tubs if they can comply with bather load restrictions and physical distancing requirements of one person per two square metres
- Not offering towel services
- Consider an exit from the facility separate from the entrance
- Face masks are not worn while in the water
- Any seating is set up to maintain a minimum two metres of separation between people

#### LOCKER ROOMS

- Restrict the number of people in locker rooms and restrooms
  - Encourage individuals to change and shower at home to limit use of locker area
  - Post signage for guidance on shower area use to maintain physical distancing
  - Ensure enhanced and frequent cleaning and disinfection of locker rooms by staff
- Allow sufficient time between activities to clean the pool deck and locker rooms, paying particular attention to frequently-touched areas including, such things as railings, door handles, washroom doors and shower stalls.

### **GROUP CLASSES (Aquacise)**

- Allowing group exercise classes if physical distancing of one participant per two square metres is maintained throughout the class
- Not using shared equipment unless able to disinfect between users
  - Equipment that is difficult to clean, such as foam rollers and yoga blocks, should not be used (this will include floatation belts, pool noodles and dumbbells)

### **POOL INSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT (Lessons)**

- Require an adult be present in the water in close proximity to small children and non-swimmers to help maintain physical distancing
- Equipment should not be shared with others in the class/course
- Personal instructional equipment should be provided by the participants (e.g. goggles)

### **PUBLIC SWIM**

- These sites are required to limit occupancy to 50 per cent of normal business levels or one person per 10 square metres, whichever is lower
- Require an adult be present in the water in close proximity to small children and non-swimmers to help maintain physical distancing
- Facility operators/owners must identify additional staffing requirements and hire staff to assist in monitoring physical distancing

### **Resources**

*Public/Private Swimming Pools, Splash Parks, Spas, Fitness Clubs, Gyms and Training Facilities (Effective June 1)*

<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/phase-two.html - collapse12>

*Public Health Factsheet – Guidance for Recreational Water Facilities*