



IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE

Government Guidelines for Pool Re-opening

The City of Steinbach wants to ensure public safety and caution at this time. All 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

- Indoor pools must remain closed
- Limit occupancy to 25% of available pool space
- Masks must be worn at all times while indoors except when participating in water activities
- Face masks are not worn while in the water
- 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 four square metres
- Not offering towel services
- Consider an exit from the facility separate from the entrance
- 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 to 50% capacity
 - 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.

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