

June 1, 2020

Greetings Frances Meadows Patrons!

After nearly 10 weeks of reduced services and closures, Gainesville Parks & Recreation is preparing to reopen.

Gainesville Parks & Recreation (GPRA) has created tentative three-phased recovery plans to return to full operations and serve our residents. Dates of particular importance are as follows:

- June 1 – GPRA administrative office will reopen, registration will resume for programs, including day camps.
- June 15 – Frances Meadows Aquatic & Community Center (indoor only) & Gainesville Civic Center will reopen.
- June 27 – Splash Zone at Frances Meadows will open\*; Lanier Point Athletic Complex Rentals will begin.
- June 29 – Modified Summer Camp will begin.

*\*Pending restrictions being lifted by Governor Kemp as the Splash Zone is considered a 'waterpark' and must be inspected by the State.*

Gainesville Parks & Recreation is making every effort to follow social distancing guidelines and appropriate reduced capacities in its facilities. We have also increased our sanitization and safety protocols to protect our staff and patrons. However, we cannot guarantee safety from exposure. If you are suffering any of the following symptoms; fever, sore throat, cough and/or sneezing or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not participate in our programs or services at the time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Operational changes vary greatly by facility but residents can expect to see additional security measures focused around social distancing and sanitizing.

## Know Before You Go:

### ➤ General

- Limited Capacity in Pools, Fitness Center, and Classes. Guest will be checked in for specific activities and may be required to wait to enter.
- Please adhere to new entrances and exits to maintain social distancing.
- Entry limited to one (1) activity. No cross-entry between activity areas.
- Indoor Pools are open for Classes and Lap Swim only.
- Guest required to adhere to social distancing.
- Facility will be sanitized and cleaned multiple times daily.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Credit Cards Only. No Cash or Checks Accepted.
- Locker rooms are closed. Restrooms and hallway lockers will be available.

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- New Key Fobs are required for all existing passport holders and can be picked up June 5 or 12 between 10am-12pm before reopening on June 15.
- Seasonal Passports to the Splash Zone go on sale the week of June 15 before opening on June 27.
- **Fitness Center**
  - Must adhere to social distancing at all times in all areas of the Fitness Center.
  - Limited cardio equipment available for use.
  - All equipment must be wiped down thoroughly with provided wipes after each use.
  - With limited capacity and equipment, please be courteous to other patrons.
  - The Fitness Center will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day.
  - Please let Fitness Center Attendant know if you need to use the dressing room so that it can be cleaned and sanitized after usage.
- **Fitness Classes (Land & Water)**
  - Limited capacity inside the Wellness Room and Warm Pool for Land/Water Classes.
  - You are allowed only one (1) class per day unless there is open availability.
  - You must bring your own mat to class as needed.
  - Fitness equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after each class.
- **Lap Swim**
  - Only two (2) people Allowed per lane at a time for Lap Swim.
  - If all lap lanes are full, you must wait in designated Waiting Area until called by Staff.
  - Key Fobs are available for purchase for Lap Swimming for a specific number of visits.
- **Open Swim**
  - There will be no open swim in the Competition Pool or Warm Pool at this time.
  - Diving Boards will not be open.
- **Instructional Programs (i.e. Swim Lessons, etc.)**
  - If one chooses to participate in Swim Lessons, please be aware that social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. Physical contact is needed for proper technique.
  - The ratio is six (6) swimmers to one (1) instructor during lessons.
  - Equipment and materials will be cleaned and sanitized after each Lesson.
  - Registration begins June 1.
- **Splash Zone**
  - Splash Zone will have a separate entry point and limited capacity.
  - Chairs are set-up for "Family" social distancing. Please do not move chairs.
  - Splash Zone Seasonal Passports will go on sale the week of June 15.
  - Limited Concessions available. Pre-packaged snacks and drinks only. No outside food or beverages allowed.
  - Only Splash Zone lockers will be available for use.
  - There will be no entrance inside the facility from the Splash Zone.
  - Proper swimwear only. No street clothes.

More information regarding GPRC guidelines and safety protocols, as well as, additional information for Frances Meadows Aquatic Center can be found on our website at [gainesville.org/recreation](http://gainesville.org/recreation) and [gainesville.org/frances-meadows](http://gainesville.org/frances-meadows) or call 770.533.5850.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding, as we slowly work our way back to full operations. Please note that changes are inevitable but GPRC will work to minimize the impact on residents and staff. Keep your chin up, stay healthy, stay active, and stay safe.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Frances Meadows Staff*

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