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# YMCA SAFETY NOTICE

# SWIM LESSONS

We believe the role of the YMCA is critical as families attempt to navigate through a new normal. The safety of our staff and children in our care is our highest priority.

However, some of the protective measures that we can expect from adults are, for a variety of reasons, not always possible in youth programs. In some cases, children are too young to understand, or consistently practice the precautions, and in other cases the precaution may create a new safety concern. All of these factors mean that while certain precautions against the spread of COVID-19 can and will be applied in our aquatics programs, our infection control measures will differ from those that may be suitable for other environments.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SWIM LESSONS

- Encouraging social distancing through intentional activity design and reminders
- Reduced instructor to participant ratios in group lessons
- Groups will remain consistent for the duration of the session
- Within groups, participants will attempt to be at fingertip length apart during the lesson
- Swim lesson groups will maintain at minimum 6' from other groups
- Seating at the pool area will be placed 6 feet apart and we ask that you be mindful of maintaining 6' of distance with others.
- Lesson start times will be staggered as much as possible to ensure we have a controlled flow of people into the facilities.
- Member service areas are equipped with protective acrylic barriers
- Staff are required to wear a cloth face covering (mouth and nose) when in the facility and not able to maintain 6' from individuals
- Instructors in the water with participants will initially be wearing a face shield or covering while on deck and engaging in conversations. Instructors may remove face coverings while teaching lessons. We want everyone to feel safe and stay healthy.
- The use of equipment in our lessons is being scaled back and all equipment that may be used will be disinfected between uses. Each child will have their own equipment if it is needed for proper instruction and are asked not to share with other participants.