

Tuesday, June 22, 2021
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



OUTDOOR POOLS TO OPEN FOR THE 2021 SEASON

Welland, ON – The City of Welland is preparing to re-open all three pools with safety procedures to safeguard public health and lessen the spread of COVID-19.

The Rosie Smith Memorial Pool and Memorial Park Pools will open on June 25th, and Maple Park Pool will open on July 1st. Recreation & Culture Ambassadors will be on-site to aide visitors and to ensure COVID-19 safety procedures are followed.

The following procedures will be in effect at each of the Swimming Pools:

- Public access is always free.
- Daily operating hours are 12:00 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Cleaning breaks will be scheduled throughout the day, approximately every 90 minutes, at which time the pool will be vacated.
- COVID-19 prevention measures will be in place, including controlled access and screening
- Regular cleaning of hard surface areas
- Restrictions on the number of patrons will be enforced to allow for physical distancing, with the potential for a time limit to maximize public access.
- Washrooms and change rooms will be open.
- Members of the public are to avoid bringing food, lawn chairs, and large items into the pool area (These items are allowed in the parks adjacent to each pool location)
- There is no storage of belongings in change areas; all items remain with customers on the pool deck.
- Children's wading pools at Rosie Smith and Maple Park pools to remain closed until further notice.

At this time, there will be no private pool rentals for the 2021 season; this may be revisited as the season continues; email recreation@welland.ca for more information or visit <https://www.welland.ca/RecCulture/publicswimming.asp>

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