

Policy Regarding Inclement Weather/Poor Attendance at Pool

A. Inclement Weather

a. Beginning of the Day – In the event that there is inclement weather upon the manager's arrival to the pool, the following procedure shall be followed:

- i. Manager should check the weather forecast to determine the forecasted duration of the inclement weather
- ii. If the inclement weather is going to terminate before normal opening hours than the manager shall proceed as normal
- iii. If the inclement weather is forecasted to continue past normal opening hour, then the manger shall determine if the forecast would allow for a late pool opening. If so, the manager shall promptly call staff and reschedule their start times in coordination with the new opening time. Auxiliary opening hours can occur at 1pm, 3pm, or 5pm.
- iv. If the inclement weather is forecasted to last through these auxiliary opening times, than the manager shall make the decision to keep the pool closed for the day. The Manager shall then promptly notify staffing of the decision
- v. Manager may contact Recreation Director for guidance in making these decisions

b. During the Day

- i. **Thunder** – If inclement weather appears to be approaching the following procedure shall be followed:
 1. Lifeguard shall sound out two whistle blasts to notify the Manager of the change in the weather
 2. The pool's sound system shall be turned off to allow for thunder to be heard clearly
 3. If thunder is heard the pools shall be cleared of patrons immediately by the use of one long whistle blast followed by direction

4. Once pools have been cleared lifeguards shall ensure that no one re-enters the pool until safe to do so
5. Manager shall continue to monitor for thunder
6. Once a period of 30 minutes have passed with no further thunder being heard, lifeguards shall resume positions and patrons shall be allowed to re-enter pools
7. If lightening is seen or the weather worsens, any remaining patrons shall be moved inside the bathhouse in an effort to keep them as safe as possible until they decide to leave or the weather passes
8. If the inclement weather is forecasted to persist the manager shall close the pool and any remaining patrons along with staff shall leave when safe to do so

ii. Rain – In the event that the inclement weather consists of only precipitation, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. Swimming activities shall be permitted as long as the main drains can be clearly seen from the lifeguarding station responsible for monitoring that area of the pool.
2. If the main drains cannot clearly be seen, then the pool shall be cleared of patrons immediately by the use of one long whistle blast followed by direction
3. If the forecast indicates that this type of rain is going to persist for at least one hour or longer then the Manager shall close the pool
4. If the main drains become visible again from the lifeguarding station, then patrons shall be allowed to re-enter pools after all lifeguards are in position

iii. Procedure if inclement weather passes after pool closing – In the event that the weather turns fit for swimming pool activates after the pool has been closed, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The manager shall determine which auxiliary opening time (1pm, 3pm, or 5pm) will allow for adequate time for staff to return and pool chemicals to be adjusted properly
2. Manager shall attempt to call staffing to return to the pool
3. Manager shall not reopen pool if minimum staffing does not return. Minimum staffing is determined by lifeguard requirements described in the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code
4. If minimum staffing needs are reached the Manager shall reopen pool

B. Poor Attendance Closing - In the event there is a situation that has caused poor pool attendance (ex. Cool/cloudy weather, reopening after inclement weather, time of the day) the following guidelines shall be followed:

a. Poor attendance caused by Cool/Cloudy Weather

- i. The Manager shall recognize that there is poor attendance and decrease staffing to the minimum required staffing described by the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code
- ii. The manager shall assess the amount of patrons at the pool.
- iii. If less than 5 adult patrons are at the pool the Manager shall start a 1 hour assessment period.
- iv. The Manager shall notify all current patrons that the pool shall close in one hour if more patrons do not arrive
- v. If the number of adult patrons increases to 5 or above the pool shall remain open.
- vi. If the number of adult patrons drops below 5 again the Manager shall start another 1 hour assessment period and steps iii. through v. shall be repeated

b. Poor attendance with good weather – If good weather is present and there is poor attendance, the following procedure shall be followed:

- i. The Manager shall recognize that there is poor attendance and decrease staffing to the minimum required staffing described by the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code
- ii. At 5pm the Manager shall assess the amount of patrons at the pool.
- iii. If less than 5 adult patrons are at the pool the Manager shall start a 1 hour assessment period.
- iv. The Manager shall notify all present patrons that the pool shall close in one hour if more patrons do not arrive
- v. If the numbers of adult patrons increases to 5 or above the pool shall remain open.
- vi. If the number of adult patrons drops below 5 again the Manager shall start another 1 hour assessment period and steps iii. through v. shall be repeated
- vii. The pool shall not be closed before 6pm when good weather is present