Dear ASC Members,

We are following the State and Health Department directives to provide a sanitized and safe environment for all members. The main pool passed inspection and we have received our permit, which is great news! We are currently waiting for additional lifeguard training along with the state-mandated social distancing signage and PPE before we can open. We have included a COVID-19 waiver as part of your membership agreement**.** This waiver needs to be reviewed and is automatically accepted online by paying your membership dues.

**We are anticipating opening on Monday, June 22nd.**

**What will summer be like at ASC for our members?**

Below are some of the changes based on state directives and member input. All information is posted on the ASC website.

These changes will be in place from the day the pool opens through the end of the swim season. We will re-evaluate and revise as necessary as the season progresses.

**Open Swim Pool Hours: Noon-9PM everyday**

1. **Check-In:** All members will check in at the front desk, giving the first and last name of each family member visiting the club. Your account MUST be updated for each individual member with a current photo or you will be turned away. Our responsibility is to only allow members into ASC who adhere to our terms and conditions. It is critical to check in all members, so we have accurate tracking which is required by the Health Department.
2. **No Reservation System:** At this time, even without a reservation system, we do not expect Atholton to have more patrons thancan Howard County said we are allowed to have in the pool and the grounds at any one time. Please be mindful of your time spent at the pool. If it is busy, please be courteous to other members especially if you have been at the pool for a while. The manager will determine if we are at our capacity for both the pool and facility and make announcements as needed. If we notice a trend of the pool and grounds being used at our capacity, we could move to a reservation system if necessary.
3. **Front Desk:** We would like members to approach the front desk only for check-in and emergencies. All payments should be done prior to arriving at ASC using your Member Splash account. We will not be accepting cash this summer.
4. **Lifeguards:** The lifeguards’ responsibility is to create a safe environment for swimmers and members. They are not social distancing police. We will need all members to work mindfully and kindly together to create a safe, social distancing environment. The manager and lifeguards have full authority to make calls at their discretion regarding unsafe behavior in and around the pool.
5. **Facility and Pool Capacity:** ASC is located on 7 acres, so we have plenty of room for members to be socially distanced on our property. Based on the current guidelines, our maximum bather capacity with state-mandated restrictions, is 76 people. Should the manager or lifeguards feel that social distancing is not being observed in the pool, they will blow the whistle and have everyone clear out so we can address the issue prior to letting members back in the pool.
6. **Wading Pool:** We are sorry to announce that per the Maryland Department of Health, all baby pools must remain closed at this time. If your child is not fully potty trained, they MUST wear a swim diaper and proper swim attire while in the main pool. Please be aware that a fecal accident can close the pool for a whole day.
7. **Adult Swim** will be called on the final quarter of the hour every hours and will last 15 minutes. Monday-Friday there will be an extended adult swim from 6-6:30PM. On the days there is an extended adult swim, no regular adult swim will be called for the 5 & 6 o’clock hours.
8. **Bring your own chairs or blankets:** We are asking all members to bring their own seating. This will help with social distancing and eliminate the number of surfaces that need to be sanitized. All swim clubs in the area have made this decision.
9. **Picnic tables are set for social distancing:** They are available for one family per table. The tables should not be moved or pushed together. Members are EXPECTED to bring their own table coverings. We ask that you thoroughly clean your area prior to leaving.
10. **Sanitation Stations:** Areas for sanitizing will be set up throughout the facility.
11. **Signage:** We will have lots of signs and visual reminders. Please educate yourself and your children so they are aware of the restrictions at the pool. We want all members to feel safe and have their needs respected.
12. **Guests and Parties:** We are suspending guest privileges and parties due to the social distancing guidelines and the need for contact tracing. We will re-evaluate this policy each month of summer.
13. **Face Mask:** Face masks cannot be worn in the water. Face masks must be worn entering and leaving the main pool building. When you are with your family it is your choice as to whether you want to wear a face mask.
14. **Grills Available:** You will need to bring your own grill utensils. You will need to clean the grill after using.
15. **Use of restrooms:** Sinks, toilets, showers, and changing stalls are available. Please consider arriving in your bathing suit and leaving in your bathing suit. If you use the family bathroom diaper changing station for your child, please cover the changing station while in use.
16. **Playground and Swing Set:** At this time, the playground and swing set are closed for use. We will let you know when they are available for use.
17. **Pool Toys and Kickboards:** You must bring your own pool toys to use. We will not be providing any toys or kickboards for use during open swim.
18. **Tennis Courts:** The tennis court area is available for tennis or use of the basketball hoops. You must bring your own equipment. Basketball games are prohibited, but shooting the ball recreationally is acceptable.
19. **Swim Lessons:** Swim lessons, group and private, are currently cancelled. If there are changes in social distancing rules, this will be revisited.
20. **Swim Team:** The swim team may have limited practices. Communication about the swim team will be sent from the Team Representative.
21. **Dedicated Lap Swim:** Morning lap swim will occur daily from 7am-Noon. Times are subject to change as we monitor use of lap swim and changes in swim team or swim lesson programming. A separate notice about lap swimming will be published on the website.
22. **Snackbar:** The snackbar is currently closed. We will re-evaluate this policy each month of summer.

Please remember everything is still a work in progress. As the state modifies its requirements, we may shift, change, or relax guidelines during the season as new information is received. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times. We will be in frequent communication with you as we make changes. Updates will be emailed, posted on the website, and posted on social media when appropriate. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email Michael Draminski at [atholtonswimclub.president@gmail.com](mailto:atholtonswimclub.president@gmail.com)

Regards,

Atholton Swim Club Board of Directors