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MCMURTREY AQUATIC CENTER POOL TO RE-OPEN FOR LAP SWIM

The City of Bakersfield's Recreation & Parks Department is excited to announce the re-opening of the McMurtrey Aquatic Center pool to the public for lap swim, starting Monday, July 6.

The McMurtrey Aquatic Center, like other public pool facilities, has been closed under guidelines from the California and Kern County Public Health Departments in an effort to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

Lap swimming will be permitted three times a day for swimmers 12-years-old and older. Swimmers as young as 8-years-old are permitted during family lap swim on Saturdays. The cost is \$5 per person, per visit; or \$105 for City residents to get a 30-visit pass (\$115 for non-residents).

Swimmers are allowed one lane and one appointment each day. Each swimmer must reserve a lane in advance by calling 661-852-7431 and be ready to swim on arrival in order to keep the day's schedule. All swimmers must have their temperatures checked when they enter the facility. These protocols will remain in place for at least two weeks.

The Recreation & Parks Department has been working to develop protocols that are within the guidelines set by the county health department for limiting the virus' spread, including additional disinfecting measures. Other measures in place can be seen in an accompanying document.

Until further direction from the county health department, the slides at the McMurtrey Aquatic Center will remain closed.

Other City-operated public pools will also remain closed until further notice, though staff is working to prepare those facilities to re-open as soon as possible.

All 10 City-operated spray parks are also currently operating and open to the public at this time.

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Department of Recreation and Parks

DIANNE HOOVER, DIRECTOR

PROTOCOLS FOR MCMURTREY AQUATIC CENTER POOL RE-OPENING

This is a list of some, but not all of the protocols developed by the Recreation & Parks Department for the re-opening of the McMurtrey Aquatic Center. The protocols are based on the guidelines provided by the California and Kern County Departments of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Anyone who is sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to return home.
- Proper social distancing should be practiced while in the facility.
- In compliance with Governor Gavin Newsom's order, all swimmers must wear masks or face coverings while in the facility unless actively swimming.
 - Staff will be required to wear face coverings, especially when physical distancing is not possible or is difficult to achieve.
- Staff and swimmers are encouraged to properly wash their hands on a frequent basis.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be provided for adults and older children.
- The number of visitors to the facility will be limited by staff.
- Customer service areas will be disinfected regularly.
- Staff and swimmers will have their temperatures screened when entering the facility.
- Lap swimming will be limited to 50 minutes per member, per day.
 - Swimmers can sign up for a slot no more than 24 hours in advance by calling 661-852-7431.
 - Will be limited to one swimmer per lane at a time; *Exception: members of the same household may share a lane.*
 - No spectators will be allowed in the facility. *Exception: A guest is allowed to accompany a person with special needs.*
- Lockers will be closed and off-limits to swimmers.
- Outdoor showers will be available, but indoor showers will be closed and off-limits.

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MCMURTREY AQUATIC CENTER
 STARTING JULY 6
 LAP SWIM & WATER WALKING SCHEDULE

Closed Saturday, July 18

Days	Time
M-Th	5:30 -6:20am
M-Th	6:45 -7:35am
M-Th	11 -11:50am
M-Th	12 -12:50pm
M-Th	1 -1:50pm
M-Th	5 -5:50pm
M-Th	6 -6:50pm
Friday	5:30 -6:20am
Friday	6:45 -7:35am
Friday	11 -11:50am
Friday	12 -12:50pm
Friday	1 -1:50pm
Sat	8 -8:50am
Sat	9 -9:50am
Sat	10 -10:50am
Family Lap Swim (NEW)	
Sat	11 -11:50am
Sat	12 -12:50pm