



AFC 2021 COVID-19 OPERATING GUIDELINES – MAY 28TH UPDATE

The Arlington Forest Club (AFC) is opening for the 2021 season and will operate with great attention paid to its member's and employees' health, safety, and sanitation needs. We are moving closer to typical AFC operations, but a few details remain in place, similar to last year's season. This document serves as operating guidelines with the following understanding:

- The AFC Board grants the president and the executive committee the right to close the pool at any time
- Rules and operating guidelines may be updated and changed at any time; COVID-19 Operating Guidelines augment the Club Rules; if for any reason the Rules and Guidelines do not align, the COVID-19 Operating Guidelines take precedence
- The AFC Board reserves the right to suspend the membership of any member having difficulty complying with the protocols, including wearing a mask, until the member can confirm the ability to comply

As an AFC Member, What do I Need to Know?

- Members should read and **understand the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines** before visiting the pool – go [here](#) to read the latest VA guidelines
- **Read and understand the AFC 2021 COVID-19 Operating Guidelines** (this document) posted on the AFC Website
- **No advanced reservation is needed**
- **Review and confirm Self-Assessment Procedure** posted on the AFC Website and verbally acknowledge at AFC Check-In having had no symptoms in the prior 14 days
- **Wear a mask.** All not yet vaccinated AFC members must wear a mask while walking around on AFC property. Wearing a mask is not required while swimming in the pool, sitting or reclining, and 6 feet apart. Please wear a mask indoors at all times except while showering.
- **Members that are fully vaccinated plus two weeks do not need to wear a mask.**
- **Maintain a 6-foot distance** between persons who are not members of the same household
- **If you are sick** or have symptoms (e.g., chills, fever, cough, breathing difficulties, loss of taste or smell), **stay home**

How Can I Use the Pool?

- The pool will be open for use as it typically occurs. No zones will be delineated
- **People may use the pool deck.** AFC furniture will be available; please maintain a safe physical distance

How does Pool Time work?

- Members are allowed to stay at the pool for up to two (2) hours at a time



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- Operating hours are posted on the website

Double Check Before You Leave the House

- Follow AFC on Twitter @AFCpool and check the [AFC website](#) for the latest changes to guidelines/ensure the pool is open

How Will Check-In Procedures Work?

- At the check-in desk, provide your member number, answer questions verbally about your health self-assessment, and maintain a safe distance from the desk
- Enter and exit the pool through the Bathhouse
- An adult must accompany children 11 and under
- Guests are welcome – please follow the Covid-19 protocols
- Follow instructions from pool employees and site managers
- Wear a face mask when walking around the pool deck and inside Bathhouse (masks are not required when swimming or showering)
- Maintain 6 feet physical spacing between persons who are not members of the same household at all times

I'm Ready for the Pool!

- **Use a shower (outdoor or indoor) before entering the pool.** Outdoor showers are located between the Bathhouse and the Tiger Cafe
- Enter the water/pool only when a lifeguard is stationed at a chair
- No swimming equipment (e.g., kickboards) will be provided; you may bring your own
- **Family swim instruction is permitted.** For non-toilet trained children, please refer to [Club Rules](#)
- **The wading pool is open.** Parents stay with and supervise children, and please maintain 6 feet physical spacing
- **Pool furniture.** Cleaning solution bottles are available for users to wipe down before and at the end of each use

It's Time To Go!

- Anything left behind will be disposed of in the trash at the end of the day

Will Events Be Held?

At this time, no AFC events have been planned – stay tuned

How Are AFC Facilities Operating?

- **Guardhouse** is open for staff only
- **Diving Boards** are OPEN with on-duty lifeguard's permission
- **Tiger Café** is OPEN – food is allowed at specifically designated areas only
- **Bathhouse** is OPEN. Please wear your bathing suit to the pool to minimize time indoor



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- The use of the outdoor showers between the bathhouse and Tiger Café are encouraged
 - Members must shower before getting into the pool
- Family bathroom is available.
- Wade/Baby Pool is OPEN
- Playground area is OPEN
- Grass areas are OPEN. Maintain 6 feet physical spacing between persons who are not members of the same household at all times
- Picnic tables are OPEN. Maintain 6 feet physical spacing between persons who are not members of the same household at all times. Please wipe down tables after use
- Grill area is OPEN. Maintain 6 feet physical spacing between persons who are not members of the same household at all times – food is allowed at specifically designated areas only. Please clean up after use

How Will AFC Be Managing Health, Safety & Sanitation?

- Water Chemistry will be managed with the same chlorine levels as 2020
- Hand Sanitizing Pumps will be provided at various locations inside AFC. Use them at regular intervals during your time at the club
- High Sierra employees and guards in the Guard House or Pool Deck will be required to wear masks and adhere to a 6 feet physical distance
 - Guards who are on duty in the guard chair are NOT required to wear masks
- Employees will use a variety of cleaning chemicals for deck and surfaces
- Employees will maintain a cleaning checklist and clean at regular intervals. Cleanings may also occur throughout the day

How Will Physical Distancing Be Handled?

- Adhere to 6 feet distance from those outside your immediate household. Self-manage yourself and members of your household both on the pool deck and in the pool
- Signs offering 6 feet visualization will be hung

What if Someone Gets Sick?

- In case someone does get sick with COVID-19, notify Arlington County – ehhealth@arlingtonva.us or 703.228.7400
- If someone tests positive for COVID-19, alert AFC Pool Manager (manager@arlingtonforestclub.org) immediately so that we may perform a thorough cleaning and disinfection and alert members accordingly



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What if Someone Tests Positive for COVID-19? When Are They Able to Return to AFC?

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, even if you do not live with the person, all **exposed members must self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days**
- If someone does test positive with COVID-19 and has recovered, **they may return to AFC ten (10) days after receiving a follow-up negative COVID-19 test**

External Reference Links.

- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/phase-1-considerations-for-aquatic-facilities/>
- [https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-72-SIXTH-AMENDED-and-Order-of-Public-Health-Emergency-Nine-Easing-of-Commonsense-Surge-Restrictions-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\).pdf](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-72-SIXTH-AMENDED-and-Order-of-Public-Health-Emergency-Nine-Easing-of-Commonsense-Surge-Restrictions-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)
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