

Indoor Pool Operating Standards

Policy Statement: It is our shared responsibility to ensure all members, staff, parents are safe and protected. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, the following safety measures and protocols have been placed.

Purpose: This policy ensures the safety and well-being of children by requiring that they be supervised by a staff at all times during aquatic programming and swimming lessons.

Policies and procedures have been developed specific to COVID-19 in order to increase the health and safety of children, staff and families. All BGC Dovercourt procedures will be updated and revised regularly to ensure best practices in accordance with Toronto Public Health.

Procedures

Screening

- [Screening measures](#) are intended to determine whether an individual entering the facility may have been exposed to COVID-19. Screening must be completed prior to entering the facility. To ensure the continuing safety of employees, clients, members, and the public, and meet operational needs.
- **Prior to arrival**, parents must complete self-screening on behalf of their child, staff must do the same (for themselves). This form can be filled out at home (30 mins before arriving) or before entering the screening area
- Screening will be completed at all BGC Dovercourt Club program delivery spaces and will be completed outdoors or at the first point of entry when outdoors is not permissible
- Screening stations will be completed **prior** to entry, only one entrance/exit will be used to ensure effective screening practices
- Body temperature will be checked by The Club staff, using a contactless thermometer. Persons who have a fever of 100.40 F (37.80C) or above or other signs of illness will not be admitted to the facility
- Only one parent/guardian can enter the screening area with their child/children
- Parents/Guardians of Club members in the program will not be permitted into the facility/program
- If exceptional circumstances are identified which require a parent to enter into the Club, the parent would be deemed an essential [visitor](#)
- Screening will be achieved either using paper-based or online assessment tool ([COVID-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool](#)) that will be provided to parents/guardians, staff, or essential visitor.
- Alcohol based hand sanitizer will be placed at every screening station (70-90% alcohol content). All visitors will be asked to use alcohol based hand sanitizer when they enter inside the facility

Personal Belongings

At this phase of operation, personal belongings (clothing, backpacks, etc.) should be minimized. No toys or personal items from home will be permitted at this time. All items brought must be labelled and can be disinfected easily. All personal belongings must be labeled with first & last name. Personal belongings will be placed on the bleachers inside the pool facility at designated area for each individual, not the change room.

Change Rooms & Showers

To prevent crowding, change room capacity will be monitored by staff by restricting the number of people allowed, to maintain physical distancing. The use of showers will be restricted at this time

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- All washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers or similar facilities made available to the public must be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Cleaning of the facility is scheduled regularly however the frequency of cleaning has increased. Additional precautionary measures have been placed to ensure the prevention of spreading infection. All surfaces will be wiped down throughout the day, before and after use as well as at the end of each day. All toys and equipment will be put into the disinfecting process as usual.
- Cleaning procedures will adhere to the BGC Dovercourt [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#)

Protecting Staff and Members

It is our shared responsibility to ensure all members, staff, parents are safe and protected. To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and promote physical distancing, the following measures and protocols have been put in place, the Club will:

- Post signage's at all entrances and within the Club
- Post information about **COVID-19 symptoms** near entrances/visible areas of the aquatic recreational space to help the public and staff identify whether they have **COVID-19 symptoms**.
- **Actively screen** all individuals upon entry
- Maintain daily records of anyone entering the facility. Records are to be kept on the premises and will be kept up to date. Records will include: name, contact information, time of arrival/departure, screening completion/result, etc).
- Encourage and ensure staff and visitors must practice physical distancing by staying at least two metres away from others.
- Encourage and ensure staff and members practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- For information on the modified COVID-19 resuscitation procedures see our [COVID-19 First aid and resuscitation policy](#)

PPE

All staff and members will be required to face masks upon indoors, this includes change rooms. Staff will be required eye protection in addition to face mask. Mask exemptions can be made if the individual is not able to wear a mask due to a medical condition. In such cases, reusable face shields will be used. Please note:

- A face mask/covering is required within the indoor public areas, including the entrance and pool deck. A face mask/covering is not required while swimming or for children under the age of two.
- Eye protection in addition to a face mask/covering is required when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks must be worn indoors at all times, by all children and staff.
- Masks may be removed for the purpose of eating or drinking, or if the person is experiencing a medical emergency.
- The use of masks is not required outdoors if physical distancing of a least 2-metres can be maintained between individuals.

Physical Distancing

The number of swimmers and non-swimmers allowed has been reduced so that people have more space to maintain physical distancing. BGC Dovercourt staff will ensure physical distancing is practiced on the on pool and in the water. Pool will follow safety and directional signage. The Club will manage the flow in the facility to promote physical distancing. One-way routes with prominent signage and floor markings to prevent crowding. To facilitate physical distancing, the Club will limit the number of individuals using the space by :

- Scheduling cohorts to use pool, only one cohort will be allowed to use pool at a time;
- Reducing resting areas and pool capacity;
- Limiting and distancing pool-side seating;
- Timed entry (e.g., staggered schedules)