

## **Meadows of Highland – Swimming Pool Guidelines During COVID-19**

According to the CDC, there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through properly disinfected swimming pool water; however, the virus can be spread in this environment through person-to-person contact and contact with contaminated surfaces.

However, there are changes/requirements relating to pools we are required to follow. These directives are provided by the NYS Health Department and the Meadows of Highland Board of Directors. We need to comply to ensure a safe environment for everyone. The directives are as follows:

- **There will be 50% less seating surrounding the pool until further notice.**
- **There can be up to 25 people (50% of the capacity) at a time in the pool and surrounding areas until further notice.**
- **Residents may have a total of 6 people at the pool at one time. This may change due to restrictions and resident use.**
- **PLEASE WIPE DOWN THE SURFACES YOU HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH DURING YOUR TIME AROUND THE POOL.** Alcohol wipes will be supplied on the patio deck.
- **Please keep a 6-foot distance to others who are at the pool.**
- **Please have hand sanitizer with you when you are at the pool.**
- **Take out what you bring in – do not leave your garbage.**
- **Pool toys will no longer be available at the pool.**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**
  - Everyone including swimmers should wash their hands often and cover their coughs and sneezes.
- **Cloth Face Coverings**
  - Encouraging the use of cloth face coverings as feasible. Face coverings are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.
    - Advise those wearing face coverings to not wear them in the water. Cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when they are wet.
- **Staying Home**
  - Educating staff, patrons, and swimmers about when to stay home (for example, if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days) and when they can safely end their home isolation.

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