

To Gulf Pines residents, renters and their guests:

On June 2, 2020, the swimming pools and the tennis courts in Gulf Pines will reopen for use with restrictions. Hours will be 7:00 am – 7:00 pm until daylight hours begin to decrease significantly. Because transmission of COVID-19 still remains a risk, users of either the pools or the tennis courts will be required to follow certain procedures before, during and after using these shared facilities. These requirements have been modeled after those in force in other comparable communities. They are intended to reduce the possibility of infection while still enabling those in the community to derive health benefits from such outdoor activities. Although the pool decks, restrooms and gates are cleaned twice a week, we cannot guarantee that any surfaces in the pools and courts are free of the COVID-19 virus. The clubhouse and the picnic/grill area at the small pool will remain closed.

### **Requirements for use of Gulf Pines swimming pools and tennis courts:**

Adhere to the following rules (consistent with CDC recommendations):

- **Monitor your health.** Do not swim or play tennis if you are sick, have a fever or have been in contact with someone in the past 14 days who has COVID-19 or its symptoms.
- **Put distance between yourself and other people outside of your home.**
  - [Stay at least 6 feet \(about 2 arms' length\) from other people.](#)
  - Do not gather in groups larger than those specified for the pools and tennis courts respectively.
  - Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a face mask when around others.** While not required, we recommend that you use a face mask when not in the water. Continue to keep a minimum of six feet between yourself and others, including in the pool. The face mask is not a substitute for social distancing.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** Remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Take all used tissues with you when you leave the pool area or tennis courts.
- **Wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds both before you come to the pool or courts and immediately when you get home. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. **Please be aware that all surfaces will be cleaned only twice per week. You must use particular caution while using the pool and tennis courts due to this risk.**

Sign and submit a Gulf Pines COVID-19 Waiver and Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

All persons using the pools and/or tennis courts must first sign a form stating that they recognize the seriousness of COVID-19, its highly infectious nature, and are participating in the activity at their own risk. Children as well as adults must be included on the waiver form. The form states that you are aware of the risks of the potential spread of COVID-19 from the use of the pools and tennis courts which may include, but are not limited to illness, economic loss, and even death. You further state that you understand that these outcomes

may arise from your own or others' negligence or omissions or failures to act, and, nevertheless, assume all related risks, both known and unknown from use of the swimming pools and tennis courts.

We will put a list of people who have signed the form on the outside wall of the clubhouse near the blank waiver forms. If your name is not on the published list you are not allowed into the pools or on the courts. Blank forms are available on the table on the clubhouse deck; completed forms should be placed in plastic box, also on the table, that says "Put Completed Forms Here." If you are a Gulf Pines homeowner, you should inform all guests and renters that this is a requirement.

### **Requirements for use of swimming pools**

- Monitor your health. Do not swim if you are sick, have a fever or have been in contact with someone in the past 14 days who has COVID-19 or its symptoms.
- At this time the pool is for active use only. Use of the pools will be restricted to 50-minute periods with a maximum number of people per time period of two lap swimmers or four users engaged in water aerobics (large pool)/three (small pool) or one household group (maximum of 7 individuals, including children, at the large pool and 5 individuals at the small pool). These limits on capacity will facilitate adequate social distancing. You should leave the pool no later than ten minutes before the hour.
- Social distancing guidelines apply at the entry points, on the pool decks, and to the extent possible, in the water.
- Sign-up boards will be posted on gates at the big and small pools that indicate the time periods for each day, extending from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. When daylight hours begin to change, the time slots will be adjusted accordingly. An individual or household may only sign-up for one time period per day. If no one has signed up for the time period following yours, you may remain for a second time period, or until new users arrive.
- Bring disinfectant wipes to the pool.
- All deck furniture will be removed, except for two wooden benches at each pool to be used for robing/disrobing. Wipe down the bench both before and after use. Do not bring your own chairs.
- Water fountains will be covered and should not be used. You may want to bring your own water to the pool.
- Although we are required by law to have restrooms open, recognize that these spaces represent particular risks. We recommend that you use the facilities at your house and only use the restrooms for emergencies. Use disinfectant wipes both before and after using the toilets and sinks.
- Everyone is required to shower before using the pool. This includes children of all ages.

- Because the pool decks and restrooms are cleaned just twice per week, you are required to use disinfectant wipes on any surfaces that you touch, including the pool entry railings, ladders, umbrella cranks and gate mechanisms, both before and after your use.
- All toys or swim aids should be removed when you leave the pool area.
- Do not leave any trash. Take it home for disposal.

### Requirements for use of tennis courts

Social distancing guidelines, stated previously, must be observed at all times. Face masks must be worn when players are sitting at courtside. In addition:

- Monitor your health. Do not play tennis if you are sick, have a fever or have been in contact with someone in the past 14 days who has COVID-19 or its symptoms.
- Reservations are required for court use: 2 people for singles – 1 hour; 4 people for doubles – 1½ hours (90 minutes). Use the sign-up board on the door to the courts to make reservations.
- We have arranged outdoor seating in a safe distance. Please do not move furniture.
- Only tennis players involved in the current matches are allowed inside the area where courts are located
- **Singles:** If from different households, each player must have their own balls (at least 3 per player) and mark their balls so that they can be differentiated. Player only handles his/her own tennis balls for service and otherwise. Never touch opponent's balls with bare hands. A glove can be worn on the non-racquet hand to pick up the opposing player's balls. Return hits by using your racquet.
- **Doubles:** just as with singles, each player from different households brings their own three balls and marks them to differentiate from other three players'. If from different households, maintain 6' from partner at all times, i.e. no two partners can should be at net together or back at baseline together (unless you can remain at least 6' apart),
- Players should come to the courts no more than five minutes before the time expected to play.
- Practice caution with the tennis balls and avoid touching balls belonging to players from other households with bare hands. A glove can be worn on the non-racquet hand to pick up opposing player's balls. Although there is no specific evidence that tennis balls can spread COVID-19, we know that contamination by respiratory droplets from an infected person is the primary mechanism for the spread of COVID-19 and that these droplets can potentially survive on hard surfaces up to three days.
- Bring disinfectant wipes to the courts. Use them to wipe off combination lock, seating, scoring cards, court grooming tools, and other high-touch surfaces both before and after use.
- Take all tennis balls with you when you leave the courts.
- Do not leave any trash. Take it home for disposal.

- Use of the ball machine must be scheduled – one hour maximum - and not just before or just after a scheduled tennis match. Wear gloves to use controls and clicker and to handle the balls.
- Always groom court after use, wearing gloves. You also may want to wipe handles of all grooming equipment before and after use with disinfectant wipes.
- If there are no other tennis players waiting, please lock the courts.

**Violation of requirements for pool and/or tennis court use**

We expect voluntary and full compliance with these restrictions, designed to protect the health and safety of all users. Any person who fails to adhere to the restrictions may forfeit the privilege of using the pools and tennis courts. Widespread, numerous violations of the stated procedures may necessitate the closing of the facilities.

Your Gulf Pines Board