

RETURN TO PRACTICE MITIGATION POLICIES SEPTEMBER 2020

The owner of Quince Orchard Swim & Tennis Club, together with Executive Director Tim Harvey, the Quince Orchard Staff, and all the clubs using the pool, pledge to you that we are committed to becoming the pool that sets the standard for Covid Safe programming. It will take all of our families working continuously as a team to make this happen.

If these policies do not fit well for your family, we ask you to find another activity, and we will welcome you back when things change in a few months.

Our purpose here is not to “convince” you of anything, but to give you the information needed for you to make the best decision for your family.

THE COUNTY IS DOING WELL

I use this link <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/data/> daily to see how well our county is doing as compared with a few months / weeks ago. The days of improvement may not be as good as a few weeks ago because it is hard to improve when you are doing well. The progress shown on the graphs are particularly encouraging.

QO IS ONE OF THE SAFEST PLACES TO BE

Chlorine kills the virus!! You can smell the Chlorine in the air as soon as you walk in.

The air turn over at QO changes at a minimum of every 78.12 minutes, or when it is windy or snowy, air changes every 43.76 minutes (you may contact us for all the air circulation specifications) So it is WAY better than other inside buildings.

Based on the square footage limits set by the county, the QO swim bubble would be allowed 200 people in the facility. **We will do better than that** by aiming at 80 people in the bubble.

The persons allowed in the diving well by the county would be 32. **We will do better than that** by aiming at 12

The persons allowed in the shallow section by the county is 32. **We will do better than that** by aiming at 6.

Although the risk is quite low, it still exists, so JFD, the other programs at QO, and the owner and Executive Director have established some mitigation protocols that EXCEED the standards set by local government and health officials that all users must enthusiastically embrace. Parents must review these with your swimmers.

***“Things work out best for those who make
the best of the way things work out”***

NO PARENTS ALLOWED INSIDE THE FACILITY

This will keep low the number of persons in the bubble.

PARENTS MUST STAY NEARBY THE FACILITY

Just in case we need to end practice early due to a storm, a first aid issue, or expulsion from practice for not strictly following these policies, or any other reasons. There is no shelter to wait in for us.

NO REST ROOM FACILITIES, SHOWERS, LOCKER ROOM USE

Rest room facilities are available only on an emergency basis

Shower and use the toilet at home and wait until you return home.

In a big change, we are urging swimmers to drink very little water at practice.

MATS OR LAUNDRY BASKETS

All belongings will be placed on a matt or laundry basket.

JFD will provide 100 to get us thru the day, but to ensure we never run short, we suggest swimmers bring their own. At the

end of practice, swimmers will dip their matt / basket in the chlorinated pool, then coaches will spray with disinfectant.

ENTRY - EXIT

Enter thru gate by the diving well; leave thru gate by the club house.

Parents should wait outside as their swimmer goes thru the temp check and medical questions so that if we determine the child has some health issues, they can be taken home immediately.

While staying 6 ft apart, swimmers will follow the path directed by coaches towards the revolving door, going thru the door as directed by the staff.

MINIMIZE ANYTHING YOU TOUCH

You may want to carry hand sanitizer / wipes

ALL PATRONS WILL WALK IN THE SAME DIRECTION AROUND THE POOL

This will minimize crossing paths.

ALL COACHES, SWIMMERS, GUARDS, ETC WILL WEAR MASKS

Swimmers will keep masks on until directed to enter the pool,

And replace their mask as the first thing they do when they get out.

Social distancing is key at all times; in and out of the water; upon walking in and out of the facility, and in the parking lot

SEE THESE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

JFD plan if there is a positive case

PVS and USA Swimming directive for practices

PVS and USA Swimming travel policy