

Dear Residents:

I'm sure many of you are aware the Governor of Virginia announced on Tuesday our area would enter Phase 2 of COVID-19 re-opening beginning this Friday and outdoor pools would be allowed to reopen under certain capacity constraints and other guidelines. Like all of you, we were excited to hear the news, as we fully understand how difficult this quarantine has been on folks and how beneficial it would be.

Our excitement turned to frustration when we read the Governor's executive order that was released later on Tuesday. The order continues to limit pool usage to lap swim, swim instruction and exercise (i.e. water aerobics) only, residents playing in a pool or wading is not permitted....the only real difference from Phase 1 is you can have 3 people in a lane swimming instead of just one. In addition, you have to screen patrons before entering the facility of COVID-19 symptoms, and while doing so, be mindful of privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations. Unfortunately, we cannot open the pools under these restrictions. Also, the Association under the current pool contract does not have a lifeguard or attendant to limit the number of participants, extra cleaning, and enforce social distancing.

As board members, we can be held personally responsible if something goes wrong. And yes, we do have Directors and Officers insurance to protect the board members, but it does not cover claims related to pandemics.

We will continue to monitor the governor's orders, and hopefully, in a few weeks, he will remove these restrictions. We will also continue to prepare for opening the pools so that when the restrictions are lifted, we can do so quickly.

We've also had some folks ask about refunds of fees if the pools never open, or open mid-season. Once pool season is over, and we can determine the exact amount of monies saved. Please keep in mind even if we never open, we still have to keep the pools clean and treated with chemicals, and maintain the landscaping in and around the pool areas.

Regards,

Board of Directors