



## COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN



At Imagine Swimming, the safety of our clients and employees is our number one priority. According to the CDC and others, the novel coronavirus is quickly destroyed by properly chlorinated pool water. Below you will find details on the wide range of measures we have implemented at our Flagship locations in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, not just in the swimming pool itself, but throughout each

facility. If you have any questions about these measures, please feel free to reach out to our Chief Aquatics Officer, Brendan O'Melveny, at [brendan@imagineswimming.com](mailto:brendan@imagineswimming.com).

### HEALTH SCREENINGS

Employees, swimmers, and guests are asked not to enter the facility if they are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, including fever greater than 100.4°F.



Employees and clients may be sent home if obvious symptoms of COVID-19 are observed.

Employees, swimmers, and guests with symptoms of COVID-19 or who test positive for COVID-19 will be asked to stay home for 5-10 days after the test date, or the date when symptoms first appeared.

## **SIGNAGE**

Signs at each entrance direct anyone who may be carrying COVID-19 not to enter.

Signs throughout the facilities indicate that unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks, and follow other COVID-prevention protocols.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Unvaccinated individuals over the age of 2 years will be required to wear cloth face masks at all times except when swimming. Per CDC guidelines, cloth masks will not be used while in the swimming pool as a wet mask interferes with breathing. Of course, Imagine Swimming, Inc. supports the choice of anyone who chooses to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

Though all of our employees are fully vaccinated, some may choose to wear masks out of an abundance of caution.

Face shields will be supplied to teachers for optional use in the water while teaching.

## **CLASS MODIFICATIONS**

Per NY Health Dept. guidelines, teachers will remain socially distant whenever safe and appropriate for the current activity.

When not safe or appropriate for the current activity, teachers will come within 6 feet of students, with the following modifications:

- Teachers will wear face shields when above water and within 6 feet of students.
- Teachers will position themselves and students to minimize direct, face-to-face contact whenever possible, while within 6 feet of students.
- Teachers will remove face shields and/or come within 6 feet of students whenever necessary to prevent the risk of drowning and/or physical injury.

Class start times have been staggered by 15 minutes, to minimize the amount of people entering, exiting, or passing through changing areas at once. For example, if we had 4 classes running at 9:00 AM before the pandemic, 2 will begin at 9:00 AM now, and the other 2 will begin at 9:15 AM.

Swim caps and goggles will no longer be lent out but are available for purchase in the swim shop.



## ANTI-CROWDING MEASURES

A variety of measures will be designed to enable families to enter and leave the facilities as quickly as possible before and after each class:

- We request that families only bring 1 caregiver per child when possible.
- We request that swimmers arrive no more than 5 minutes before their session, and to exit the building within 5 minutes of the end of their session.
- Caregivers will be asked to bring children with their swimsuits on underneath their clothes when possible.



## CLEANING

Each facility will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis.

## OTHER MEASURES

### Contact Tracing

If we learn that any of our students or instructors have tested positive for COVID-19 and may have come in contact with our staff or clients, we will notify all individuals who may have come in contact with the individual who tested positive.

### Staff Training

All employees will be given 'anti-COVID' training on an ongoing basis.

## **Staff Scheduling**

Staff schedules are staggered to the greatest extent possible, to minimize the number of employees arriving, leaving, or taking meal breaks at once.

## **Water Quality**

Water quality, as ever, will significantly exceed code requirements, with advanced chemistry control maintaining optimal chlorine and pH levels 24/7, state-of-the-art UV treatment systems which kill 99.99% of all pathogens (including coronaviruses) on contact, and oversized filtration systems. Our completely revamped Pool Operator training program will ensure that those responsible for maintaining water treatment systems are more prepared than ever before.

## **Air Quality**

Our HVAC systems have been upgraded to medical-grade filters capable of filtering out extremely fine particulate matter, including microorganisms.

## **A Final Note**

As of this writing, the greater New York City area is considered an area of Low COVID Community risk by the CDC. Should this change, we will review & revise this plan.

***From all of us at Imagine Swimming, we would like to send a heartfelt  
THANK YOU! We can't wait to welcome you back to the pool.***

