



The intention of this communication is to begin informing and preparing our community of pool users for the inevitable reactivation of the aquatic facility under a new set of procedures and safety guidelines. It is still unknown, but the pool could be opening in a matter of days or weeks. When we do reopen we aim to have our community of pool users prepared for some changes.

- Rinconada Pool is currently closed.
- When Santa Clara County lifts the ban on swimming pool usage, the City of Palo Alto is poised to align with the County and allow the pool to open with social distancing guidelines.
- Palo Alto Swim & Sport will enact a COVID-19 operational plan to adhere to public safety guidelines.
- Some of the changes moving forward will include (but are not limited to):
 - Separate entry and exit points of the facility
 - Closed showers and locker rooms
 - Single user restrooms
 - Specific number of swimmers per lane
 - Specific time per lane usage
 - Lane reservation system
 - Transition time schedule to enter and exit the pool
 - Facility sanitation protocol by designated staff members
- The programming we are able to offer will depend on the restrictions/exclusions of the County guidelines. If allowed, we do have specific plans in place to operate lap swimming, open swimming, private swim lessons, summer camps, masters swimming, and youth swim team. All under modified conditions.
- The weekly pool schedule will be dynamic and flexible as we adapt to the phases of the County reactivation plan.
- We are currently working diligently to modify and update the Palo Alto Swim and Sport website so it provides all the necessary information for guidelines and reservations. The website along with email broadcasts such as this one will be used as the main communications methods.
- This information being shared may raise some questions about future operations methods that will hopefully be answered in follow up broadcasts and an FAQ section of our website that is underdevelopment.

We know how crucial swimming and pool usage is to so many people in our Community. It is important to us that we serve everyone with care and understanding. We will endeavor to make each experience at the facility a good one. Your first joyous plunge into the clear blue water of the pool that is surrounded by majestic redwood trees will make your adoption of the new operating procedures worth it.

Best,
Tim Sheeper
CEO Palo Alto Swim & Sport