

Bolton Swim and Tennis

Message to BST Membership Regarding Reopening of Pool

June 19, 2020 / Revised June 21, 2020

BST Members:

As of Saturday, June 20, 2020, the pool is open and operating under the following conditions:

General Condition for Opening and Remaining Open

1. The Mayor's reopening guidance states: *For all establishment and activities, reopening is conditional upon ability to maintain physical distancing and ensure that individuals will wear cloth face coverings.*
2. For pools specifically, capacity must be limited to ensure six feet of physical distancing both in the water and on the deck.
3. The pool must comply with all Maryland Department of Health (MDH) guidance for pools under COVID-19, which is detailed below.

Pool Access

1. Reservations are required for all members using the pool. Information on how to make reservations is provided at the end of this document.
2. Access to the pool will be allocated in time blocks. BST may change the length of blocks as needed.
3. Separate reservations are required for general swimming and lap swimming.
4. Members may make reservations for one general swimming session per weekday and one per weekend.
5. Members may make reservations for one lap swimming session per day. Members may make reservations for both lap swimming and general swimming on the same day.
6. Members of a household may make reservations for different general swim sessions, but each member may only make reservations for one general swimming session per weekday and one per weekend.
7. No member will be allowed entrance to the pool without a reservation.
8. To allow maximize access for members, houseguests may visit the pool. No other guests are permitted to visit the pool.
9. Members are asked to vacate the pool 15 minutes before the end of each shift and depart the facility in order to reduce congestion at the entrance.
10. It is also suggested that members stagger their arrival times to avoid a line at the entrance. If a line forms, members must space themselves six feet apart from each other.
11. To reduce the risk of spreading infection, kickboards are available for lap swimming only.
12. The ping-pong table is available for use, but members must bring their own paddles.

Playfield Access

When the pool is in use for general swim, the playfield is treated as an extension of the pool deck to allow for maximal physical distancing. In the mornings when the pool is open for lap swimming, the playfield will be closed off and available for separate reservations.

Health and Safety

1. Members should follow all appropriate health and safety measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you exhibit any symptoms or have reason to believe you have been in contact with someone who is infected, stay home.

2. Members are expected to practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others not from their household both in and out of the water. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children practice physical distancing.
3. Members are required to wear masks when entering the facility and when interacting with pool staff or persons outside of their own household.
4. Members without masks will be denied entry to the pool.
5. Do not share tables with member not of your household.
6. In the event of inclement weather, members will not be allowed to shelter under the arbor or bathhouse overhang. In such circumstances, the pool will be closed. Members will be required to leave the pool.
7. The pool will provide hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, but members are encouraged to bring their own.
8. Bring an extra towel to drape over your chair as extra protection.
9. MDH requires that everyone shower before entering the pool. To reduce congestion in our small bathrooms, please shower at home before you visit the pool rather than showering at the pool.
10. If you wish to maximize your physical distance:
 - a. Consider coming for early morning lap swimming or the early afternoon open swim.
 - b. The playfield is generally used less than the pool deck and is available for seating.

Additional Information

1. Consistent with MDH guidelines for pools, the staff will clean the entire pool twice a day: once in the morning and again at midday. As they have been in the past, bathrooms will be cleaned more frequently. The staff will also clean other high-touch surfaces throughout the day. Members are reminded that the best defense is frequent and thorough hand washing.
2. All staff have been trained on proper cleaning technique.
3. Guards have been trained on best practices for COVID-19 lifesaving techniques.
4. We have trained staff to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and require them to stay home if they are sick.
5. To reduce the risk of infection, the ice machine, microwave, water fountain, and refrigerator will not be available at this time.
6. Members may bring their own food and drinks to the pool. No glass containers of any kind are allowed in any part of BST.

Making Reservations

1. To make a reservation for the first time, please follow the instructions below. Members who have previously made reservations in BST's online system can skip steps b, c, and d.
 1. Go to: <https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/ws?studioid=537138>
 2. Enter the email address you use for BST and click "Need a New Password."
 3. A link for creating a new password will be emailed to you.
 4. Click on the link for a new password and set your new password.
 5. When you are logged in, you will see your personal information screen. (You may not see all of the family members linked to your account on this screen. This will be fixed and will not impact your ability to reserve a tennis court.)
 6. Click on the tab labeled "Pool" in the upper right of your screen.
 7. Click the button labeled "Sign Up."
 8. When you complete the reservation, you will see this reflected in the "My Information" tab of your online BST account under "My Schedule," and an email confirmation will be sent to you.

9. Please complete a reservation for each member of your family who will be visiting the pool. Members designated as the primary scheduler for their family should be able to make a reservation for each member of their family.