



Thank you for being patient as I try to navigate our new world while keeping your kiddos and my staff as safe as possible!

Group swim lessons will be starting the first week in November and we are so excited to see everyone again! We will be running a three-week session with classes twice a week for a total of six lessons. Classes will be on Monday & Wednesday OR Tuesday & Thursday. If you have a child in levels 4-6 and are interested in a Speed Session, please email me as soon as possible. This session for levels 4-6 would be every Saturday in November for one hour at a time.

Classes will look very different at this time. **The instructors will all be teaching from the deck and are to be hands on as little as possible.** They will not be in the water unless they see an absolute need. For levels 1-3, a parent or guardian will need to be in the water with the child. This is a requirement and if you can not make this commitment, we ask you not register in order to allow other community members the opportunity to participate. For levels 4-6, the kids will be in the water by themselves with the instructor sitting on the pool wall. All class sizes will be limited to three kiddos per one instructor. Along with the classes being smaller, the instructors have extra time before and after their classes to make sure everything is sanitized. The lifeguards are scheduled to clean common touch points and any equipment used throughout the day every hour. **There will be no spectators allowed on the pool deck.** The parents in the water with their kiddo will be the only adults or people outside of the participants allowed on the pool deck. We understand this might be hard for some kiddos and families, but with the rules in place right now by the Minnesota Department of Health, CDC and Y-USA, this is the only way we can run swim lessons.

As of 10/19/2020, we have one working shower in the men's locker room, one in the women's locker room, and two working showers in the family locker room. I'd like to encourage swim lesson families to use the family locker room as it's easiest for the staff to sanitize between uses. We understand winter is upon us and encourage use of the locker rooms to make sure no one is running outside while wet and risking illness.

The instructors will be wearing their choice of either a mask or a shield. No one in the water is required to wear either a mask or shield. The Mesabi YMCA requires masks while in the hallways and locker rooms, but not during physical exertion. We do not encourage the use of masks while in the water, but we understand your choice if you decide that's what's best for your family.

The first week of group swim lessons I will be on the pool deck with a waiver for each family to sign. If you'd like a copy of this waiver, please send me an email and I will get one to you. If at any time you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to stop in my office or email me.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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