

# POOL UPDATE

6/2/2020

**To:** All Residents

The 2020 pool season will be unique and not what we are used to; however, in order for us to open the pool and help minimize the risk of exposure, there will be some changes based on guidance from the State of Georgia PDH; AMG, Sears Pool, the Neely Pool Committee and the Neely Board during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We understand that everyone may be at different levels of comfort for social distancing and minimizing exposure; and in addition to what is published we ask that all residents use their own common sense, while also helping to hold each other accountable in a friendly neighborly way. The pool committee and HOA board is working with Sears, our pool management company, the county and the CDC to develop our best effort to provide as safe an environment as possible for those wanting to enjoy our pool this summer. Therefore, it is imperative that we follow our guidelines to help eliminate as much risk as we can of anyone contracting or spreading Covid-19. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee no-risk of exposure, and everyone who uses the pool ultimately uses it at their own risk; however, we are putting in our best efforts to mitigate the risk, while also providing pool access.

Please remember that our HOA is formed from volunteers who are your neighbors and residents of this community and have been working directly with the above entities to develop a logical phased approach to using the pool based on current guidance. The situation is fluid, and will adjust as conditions evolve. The board, and the pool committee chair are not intending nor able to police the neighborhood, nor do we have the resources. Thus, our guidelines are looking collectively to residents who want to use the pool to *help and volunteer to assist in cleaning surfaces and encouraging all at the pool to follow our guidelines.*

**Please note that Sears (and their lifeguards) may choose to close the pool at any time, either based on swimmer safety or if it becomes apparent that residents are not able to adhere to the guidelines, or repeatedly abuse them as we will not be able to have any confidence in our ability to have a safe environment for our residents and thus will be forced to close our pool until we can have an expectation of a safe environment.**

What follows is our **guidelines for Covid-19** and a copy of our **normal pool guidelines** to serve as a reminder and as a copy for our new residents. Please note that the **guidelines below will be in effect at least until June 12<sup>th</sup>**, allowing two full weeks to understand the pool demand, logistics of social distancing both in/out of the water, and assess developments in recommended guidance. Please note we anticipate a high demand for the pool.

**We are planning to open the pool Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am subject to the following conditions listed below. Visit the Neely Farm website, and additional communication will be shared through e-blasts.**

Should you have questions, wish to volunteer, or comments you can reach out to Rob Whitesides, Tom Kuipers or Shaye Gilmartin on the pool committee, as well as Tom Kearns on the HOA board, or the **Association Management Group (AMG) at 678-682-8264**.

## Neely Farm Pool 2020 Covid-19 Pool Guidelines

Residents,

In order to reduce risk of spreading or contracting Covid-19 at our pool, we have provided the following guidelines and procedures. It is imperative that any residents who decide to use the pool this season follow these guidelines. If we are unable to follow our guidelines and procedures that are aligned with published guidelines from the Georgia Department of Public Health and the CDC, our HOA Board may be forced to close the pool.

### 1. Per CDC recommendations:

"If you or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay home until the CDC's published isolation criteria are met" and not enter the pool area".

### 2. Use of Pool Waiver

All residents using the pool this summer will be required to sign a waiver/ acknowledgement of risk prior to their first use of the pool. This waiver will be provided on the Neely Farm website to be printed and presented to the gate attendant. Copies will also be made available at the pool. You must provide an original signed copy by the homeowner.

### 3. Pool Hours are 11am – 7pm everyday *No swim at own risk (SAOR) hours at this time*

When entering the pool fenced area, residents will be directed to **enter on the right side (by the check-in table) and exit on the left**, following the "lane" approach as seen at Publix or other locations to help minimize contact with two-way traffic.

### 4. No guests of any type are allowed at this time – only people **living in Neely Farm**

The gate attendant may check IDs to verify residency (similar to last year). Please bring your gate card key/fob, both for access and proof of residence. *Gate attendants will change – do not assume "they know you"* - Nannies are permitted to bring children under their guardianship email BOARD@neelyfarm.net for permission

### 5. No one under age 16 will be allowed at the pool by themselves (bring ID), but a 16yr old may bring younger siblings.

### 6. General restrictions

- a. Use of baby pool may be restricted during high volume attendance
- b. High dive temporarily closed – occupying lane used for lap swimming
- c. Two lap swim lanes – lap swimmers have priority use of these lanes
- d. No pool rafts/toys, or any kind of ball play
- e. No use of grills, dining/end tables for group meals/eating
- f. Pool parties will also not be allowed until further notice.

g. Events suspended: Swim Team, Lessons, Aerobics

**7. While not rigidly marked off, patio furniture has been arranged into area groups to promote social distancing, and to maximize use of shade. Do not re-arrange furniture out of the current groupings. Residents may bring their own chairs for grass/wooden decks. Please return furniture to original configurations after use.**

**8. Maximum number of residents in pool area-100; bather load is 30**

This number is based on CDC calculations using our total square footage within the gated area. Once this number has been reached (if it does), the gate attendant will ask you to wait until other guests have left. With that said, **residents are asked to limit their time at the pool to two-hour increments**, unless it's apparent there is ample room to stay. Residents are also asked to not switch between chair groupings during their stay.

**9. Disinfect your area BEFORE and AFTER use:**

Protect yourself and your neighbors by cleaning the area where you will sit outside of the pool as your session begins and when you leave, specifically arm rests. (Residents may need to supply their own cleaning supplies. The HOA may have some on hand for your use, but we are not able to guarantee its availability.)

**10. Bathroom use BEFORE and AFTER your family's use**

Please clean contact surfaces when you use the bathroom, and inform gate attendant if conditions warrant their attention.

**11. Practice Social Distancing**

Stay at least 6 feet away from your neighbors both in and out of the pool (and sitting on side ledge). You can decide how close you are to those that live in your home. Thus, we should refrain from any games in the pool requiring us to touch, hit, tag, push one another. Stay safe and six feet apart.

**12. Do NOT share toys, floats, goggles, snorkels, etc.**

Do not share items with others that do not live with you.

**13. Updates on pool use**

Updates regarding pool operations, closure and use (restrictions) will be communicated through the Neely Farm website and E-blasts.

**Our guidelines are put together based on guidelines published by the CDC, Georgia DPH. Please refer to the CDC published guidelines for more details.**