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GH2O Aquatic Center Open for the Season

Glendale Heights, Illinois (July 22, 2020) – The GH2O Aquatic Center in Glendale Heights has opened for the summer season to the public. The opening of the GH2O Aquatic Center is now allowed for general swimming, lap swim, swim lessons, the FlowRider Surfing Simulator, diving boards, water slides and Dolphins Swim Team. In order to swim at the GH2O Aquatic Center, patrons are required to register for a two hour time slot which can be done on their website at www.ghprf.com or by calling the Glendale Heights Sports Hub at 630.260.6060.

The GH2O Aquatic Center will be operating under the guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health and Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Open Swim will be provided in daily sessions: 50 patrons per session, per pool section. Registrants will choose one of the two sections of the pool available (Section A which is the North section of the Main Pool, including the zero depth entry area to 3 feet and the splash pad, or Section B which is the South section of the Main Pool including 3 of the lane areas ranging 3.5 feet to 5 feet deep water, the deep well, FlowRider Surfing Simulator and slide area). Upon arrival, patrons will need to check-in at their designated entrance of the GH2O Aquatic Center where they will receive a temperature check. Additionally, staff will be cleaning and sanitizing the more frequently used areas on a regular basis and lifeguards and staff will also be wearing face coverings for the duration of their shifts.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID-19-and-Water>), "There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs or water playgrounds. Additionally, proper operation of these aquatic venues and disinfection of the water (with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus."

The GH2O Aquatic Center is scheduled to close for the season after Labor Day on September 7. However, due to the late start to the season and dependent on the scheduling of schools, officials are discussing the possible extension of pool hours later into September to continue providing the opportunity to swim for children and families. Village Officials will continue to monitor any changes and recommendations as provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the State of Illinois and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, safety is the biggest concern and officials have indicated they will close their doors to the public if the situation becomes unsafe for their patrons or staff.

For more information on the GH2O Aquatic Center, please visit www.ghprf.com or call the Glendale Heights Sports Hub at 630.260.6060.

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