

Columbiana Firestone Pool COVID-19 Opening Update

June 4, 2020

The City of Columbiana has made the decision to open the Firestone Pool on June 15, 2020.

In order to operate the pool safely during the pandemic, adjustments will need to be made to meet Federal, State and Local guidelines. The Park Recreation and Cemetery Board along with City Council has made adjustments to the operating procedures of the Firestone Pool to comply with the Responsible Restart Ohio, CDC and the Local Health Department Guidelines which will limit the capacity and affect the operations. Without these adjustments, the pool would not be permitted to open. These rules and guidelines are subject to change without notice. We have listed the rules and guidelines below. These restrictions should be seen as a starting point, adjustments will be made along the way for safe operation while meeting the most up to date guidelines.

In order to meet the guidelines, we need to limit the capacity of the pool currently set at 150 max at any given time.

At the recommendation of the CDC, we will only be open to residents of the City of Columbiana. This will reduce the number of potential patrons, reduce travel, and ultimately slow the spread of the virus. We may adjust this policy as guidelines change. There will be a registration date TBD that patrons can get pre-registered in an effort to prove residency within the City of Columbiana. If you miss the pre-registration, it may delay your entry into the pool on your day of arrival. Parents will need to register their children or will be denied entry without proof of residency.

New rules and regulations will be posted outside the ticket booth before entering.

The entrance way will be marked for social distancing.

Patrons will be made aware of current mask policies for patrons and employees before entering the pool. Currently, cashiers and concession workers will be wearing masks. Life guards will not be wearing masks. Patrons will be encouraged to wear masks when not in pool including while in Pool house.

Households will be asked to stay together and maintain social distancing of other households in and out of the pool.

Areas on pool decks will be marked in 6 foot increment to help ensure social distancing.

Use social distancing and maintain at least 6 feet between individuals in all areas of the pool.

Prior to entry, Patrons will be asked Health Screen Questions from Responsible Restart Ohio which can be found on columbianaohio.gov.

We ask that you stay home if you are sick or do not feel well.

There will be no pool passes issued and no public swim lessons for the 2020 Pool Season.

Daily Hours: 12 noon – 8pm

Daily Admission Rates:

- Adult \$8.00
- Students(18 and under) & Seniors \$6.00
- Children 3 and under FREE

The slide and diving boards will be open.

The baby pool will be open with a max occupancy of 30.

Lanes will be installed where possible.

High touch surfaces will be cleaned often.

There will be staff on duty to enforce the pool rules and guidelines.

Though these restrictions may be inconvenient, they are necessary to meet current guidelines to open. If we are unable to enforce guidelines efficiently, we may have to follow the lead of other communities and close our pool for the season. We felt that it was important to at least try to open the pool in this difficult time.

Pool Party Rentals will be allowed by residents and non-residents. To make a reservation for a pool party please contact the pool office at 330/482-1026 on June 15th or after to reserve.

Firestone Park is located at the center of Columbiana and is the recreational cornerstone of the City. Established by the generous donation of land and funds by one of Columbiana's favorite sons, Harvey S. Firestone. The beautiful 68-acre park has been maintained and has prospered through the tireless efforts of the community. For more information on the City of Columbiana and Firestone Park you may contact 330-482-2656 or visit columbianaohio.gov.

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