

Attention Hallowell Pool Members

The operating policies for the 2021 pool season was reviewed and revised by the Hallowell Board of Directors on May 24, 2021 taking into account that the Board of Health Regulation for Montgomery County expires on May 28, 2021. There after all activities and businesses must follow any State of Maryland or Maryland Department of Health guidelines in place at the time.

The following Hallowell Pool Operating Policies will be in place for the 2021 season. All pool patrons are required to follow these policies when using the pool.

2021 Hallowell Homeowners Association, Inc. Swimming Pool Operating Policy with Covid-19 Requirements www.hallowellhoa.net

In the interest of ensuring a safe and pleasurable summer for all, the following policies have been adopted by the Hallowell Homeowners Association (HOA). Operating hours shall be set by the Hallowell HOA Board of Directors and may be changed without notice.

The dates of Operation are Saturday May 29, 2021 through Monday, September 6, 2021.

- When entering the facility pool members must be free from COVID-19 symptoms.
- Pool patrons must wear face coverings when interacting with staff or other individuals not from their household. Residents will be required to wear face coverings at all times when in the bathhouses. Residents should not wear face coverings in the water. Persons who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times when on the pool deck.
- **Members will be required to complete and have on file the COVID-19 Waiver. No one will be permitted to enter the pool without a completed waiver on file for the season. A primary resident can sign for themselves and minor children. Other adults in the household will need to sign a waiver as well. Access the waiver on the website.**
- Staff will require residents to scan their pool access cards before entry and sign out when leaving. Staff will not handle access cards except to process cards for new residents.
- Reservations will not be required. However Hallowell residents may reserve lap lanes through the Nabr Network Website. Arrangements are being made for "Outside Members" who wish to use the lap lane reservation function. Once in place information regarding access to the function will be emailed to all "Outside Members".
- Social distancing at the pool is required. Members should stay at least 6-feet apart (both in and out of the water) from other individuals not from their household. Use areas will be marked on the grass and pool deck to maintain social distancing.
- Pool furniture will be provided. Members who wish to bring their own chair/towel may do so .
- The wading pool will be open with limited capacity. The slide will be open with social distancing in line!

- At this time Parents must accompany children under 16 years of age. The “Swimming Pool Parental Authorization Form For children ages 12 to 15 years” will not be in use for 2021.
- Members shall be held responsible for the actions of their children and guests.
- Water fountains will be closed. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own water and snacks and are permitted to consume food/non-alcoholic beverages within the pool enclosure, providing they are 10-feet from the pool edge.
- Sanitizing will be done during operating hours and at closing. During the Summer Swim Schedule, when swim team is in the pool for morning practice, sanitizing will be done after morning swim practice.
- Items placed in Lost and Found will be disposed of at the end of the day, with the exception of items which can be wiped clean.

GENERAL POLICIES:

1. All members using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk. The Hallowell HOA assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with the use of the pool and will not be responsible for any loss or damage of personal property of any kind. All members must sign a “Pool Use Waiver of Liability” prior to entry to the pool.
2. Individuals may enter the pool only in proper bathing attire. Shorts and other attire not designed for swimming may not be worn in the pool; Individuals must be barefooted when entering the main pool. Water shoes only are not permitted in the main pool.
3. All persons over five years of age entering the pool grounds must show a valid pool pass or guest pass. Pool passes are not transferable. The pool staff shall confiscate pool passes from any members cited for pool or community rules violation (e.g., ACC, monthly dues delinquency, or other fee delinquency).
4. Pool passes for new homeowners and re-issued passes to reflect an updated picture and/or other information may be obtained at the pool during scheduled times. The fee for replacement of a lost or damaged pool pass is \$5.00.
5. The lifeguards have been empowered to enforce the general pool policies, operational guidelines and regulations including Covid-19 requirements with the goal of maintaining a safe and healthy environment. Pool management shall have the authority to dismiss from Hallowell pool property any adult or child who poses a threat to safety after a verbal warning. Any adult or child that commits an illegal act shall be dismissed from the Hallowell pool property immediately. A “three strikes and you are out” discipline policy is in effect as described below. Failure to heed any instructions or requests of the life guards or pool or association management will result in the following loss of pool privileges:
 - a. **Strike one** – 3 day suspension of pool privileges. The individual is not allowed on the pool grounds and within 500 feet of the pool grounds during the suspension period.
 - b. **Strike two** – 10 day suspension of pool privileges. The individual is not allowed on the pool grounds and within 500 feet of the pool grounds during the suspension period.
 - c. **Strike three** – individual will no longer be allowed in the pool for the remainder of the season. In addition, the Board of Directors reserves the right to revoke pool privileges for the entire family of the person whose, bad conduct warranted this action if deemed appropriate for the situation and approved by the Board.

6. These rules and regulations may be amended at the sole discretion of the Hallowell HOA Board of Directors. The pool staff is charged with monitoring compliance and reporting to the Board.
7. Parents are reminded of their responsibility to supervise their children both inside and outside of the shower and clubhouse areas, especially during break periods. Any misuse of Hallowell resources may result in forfeiture of permission to enter pool grounds.

POOL OPERATIONS (All Pool Forms are available at the Pool or on the Hallowellhoa.net) website:

1. Children under 16 years of age **must** be accompanied by an adult at all times during pool hours. Children that are not 16 years of age on or before the pool opens each pool season are subject to this policy.
 - a. An adult is considered a permanent or temporary guardian (including babysitters) 16 years of age or older. Nannies and/or babysitters 16 years of age or older may be authorized to accompany children to the pool without the attendance of the parent or legal guardian, provided that written permission of the child's parent or permanent legal guardian and pool use waiver of liability is provided. Forms specifically for this purpose must be completed. Nanny/babysitter/ childcare provider passes are issued to be used specifically in place of a parent or guardian. In cases where parents or guardians wish to use the pool in conjunction with a babysitter or nanny, the babysitter or nanny is considered a guest and will only be eligible to use the pool if the member provides a guest pass.
2. Parental Authorization Forms to allow children between the ages of 12 and 15 on pool grounds without an adult will not be in use for the 2021 season.
3. Guests may be brought to the pool this year. Members shall be held responsible for the actions of their children and guests. Guests must be accompanied by an adult pool member at all times. Guest passes may be purchased *in advance* from the community management company or at the pool at a cost of \$15.00, good for five individual visits. **Cash will not be accepted for Guest Passes** -- only personal checks made payable to Hallowell HOA will be accepted.* On line payment for Pool Guest Passes is available on the web site and requires 5 days processing time.
4. Mandatory rest periods for children shall be announced by the on-duty lifeguard for 10 minutes, at 50 minutes after each hour, except the last hour before closing. During rest periods, all individuals under the age of 16 must be completely out of the main swimming pool.
5. Capacity of the wading pool will be limited. Individuals over the age of five (5) shall not be permitted in the wading pool unless they are playing with a younger sibling under the age of five (5). All children using the wading pool must be accompanied by an adult within the wading pool fence at all times. Lifeguards are not responsible for monitoring the wading pool area. This is the parent's responsibility.
6. Any individual using the playground equipment in the pool playground in an unsafe manner (e.g., climbing on the roof of the equipment, jumping off equipment to clear fence, throwing other children off the equipment, other unsafe actions) will be warned of their behavior and potentially prohibited from using the pool playground. Individuals over the age of twelve (12) will not be permitted to play on the playground equipment in the pool playground.
7. Diaper-aged babies, including children wearing disposable diapers, must wear a swimsuit **and plastic or rubber pants.**

8. Alcoholic beverages and all glass containers are prohibited on swimming pool grounds. Members or guests under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on pool property. The Hallowell Pool is a Smoke Free facility and smoking is not permitted anywhere within or outside the pool facility within 500 feet
9. Rafts, inner tubes, noodles and other play equipment and toys will not be allowed in the pool at this time. USCG-approved flotation devices may be used. (Such flotation devices may be allowed for events)
10. Pets are prohibited on swimming pool grounds and anywhere inside the fence, except for Service dogs.
11. Unauthorized entry on swimming pool property shall result in prosecution for trespassing and/or revocation of pool privileges for the remainder of the season.
12. Abusive language and horseplay are strictly prohibited.

Assessment Delinquencies and ACC Violations

(Applicable to Hallowell homeowners only)

Every pool pass assigned to a household with a delinquent account or an ACC violation will be denied access to pool grounds. When this occurs, the pass holder will be directed to contact Community Association Services, Inc. for resolution. Lifeguards are not authorized to waive this restriction. Only the Hallowell HOA President is authorized to temporarily override the restriction pending investigation by the Community Manager.

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**Please access the Hallowell 2021 Pool Schedule
for Operating Hours**