

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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City of Pella

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information and Updates

The City of Pella continues to monitor and develop appropriate plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and wellness of our community and team members is a top priority, and this includes maintaining public safety and other essential services. Accordingly, as developments continue to unfold, appropriate actions and steps will be implemented. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time. In addition, we ask that you follow safety guidelines as communicated by the Marion County Public Health Department, Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control.

In accordance with the Governor's enhanced public health measures which were put into place effective Tuesday, November 17 through Thursday, December 10, the following restrictions as they impact City of Pella facilities and activities are now in effect:

Mask Use

The use of masks is required when visiting indoor spaces at City-owned facilities if individuals are unable to maintain six-feet of distance for 15 minutes or longer. The Governor's proclamation exempts certain individuals from this requirement, and the City will follow these guidelines.

Pella Aquatic Center

Water aerobics, recreation swim team practices, and USA swim club practices are postponed until Friday, December 11.

Open swim on Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings, and Saturdays will be converted to lap swim and available on a reservation basis only. Lap swim reservations can be made online at https://cityofpella.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs or by calling 641.628.1882.

Pella Community Art Center

In-person Wednesday After School Art classes are postponed until Wednesday, December 16. Options for virtual art classes will be sent to program attendees via email.

City Offices

At this time, all City offices remain open to the public; however, we encourage citizens to consider calling or emailing to conduct business electronically when possible. Contact information for all City departments can be located at cityofpella.com/departments.

Additional Information and Updates

The City of Pella will continue to provide updates as they are available via our social media accounts and website. To receive a notification when updates are available, sign-up for the "Emergency Alerts" distribution group at

<https://pellaia.reggroup.com/signup>.

- Lap Swimming and Water Walking will be by reservation only. Reservations are available and can be made up to 7 days in advance.

- Patrons with Memberships may make reservations via our on-line reservation system.
https://cityofpella.activityreg.com/clientpage_t2.wcs
- Non-members will need to call 641-628-1882 to make reservations. All reservations must be paid at the time the reservation is made.

We expect our call volume to be high during this time period. If the line is busy, please try back.

Visiting the Facility

All patrons visiting the facility must check in and out with the front desk attendant. All those visiting the facility do so at their own risk. Please remain 6' apart from other patrons at all times. The use of masks is required when visiting indoor spaces at City-owned facilities if individuals are unable to maintain six-feet of distance for 15 minutes or longer. The Governor's proclamation exempts certain individuals from this requirement, and the City will follow these guidelines.

Lap Swim

In order to comply with CDC guidelines, the current restrictions are as follows:

- Maximum of 2 to a lane. Reservation holder must provide the name of the second individual to the aquatic center. Sharing lanes only with someone in your own household strongly recommended.
- Must be 14 years or older to Lap Swim or Water Walk.
- Reservations will be made in one-hour timeslots. You will have exactly 1 hour to change, swim, shower and exit the facility. You will not be allowed to access locker rooms, pool deck or pool until your time slot begins. If you arrive early you must remain in lobby. The number of patrons in the lobby area will be restricted to adhere to current social distancing recommendations. You may be asked to wait outside or in your car should we reach the maximum number of patrons allowed in the building.
- No spectators will be allowed. Only those with a reservation will be allowed to enter the building.

Available Lanes

- Lane 1 – Shallow – Water Walking, ramp entrance. 5' depth
- Lane 2 – Shallow – Water Walking, ramp entrance. 5' depth
- Lane 3 – Medium – Swimming, ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 5'2 depth
- Lane 4 – Medium – Swimming, ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 5'2 depth
- Lane 5 – Deep – Swimming, ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 5'3 depth (Wheelchair lift)
- Lane 6 – Deep – Swimming, ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 5'3 depth
- Lane 7 – Deep End – Half Lap. ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 10' depth
- Lane 8 – Deep End – Half Lap. ladder/pool edge entrance/exit. 10' depth

Open Swim: Not currently available

Swimming Lessons

We are still in the process of evaluating whether we can safely resume swimming lessons. Currently there will be no lessons offered.

Exercise Programs: Not currently available.