



Dear Members,

We are excited to open for the 2020 season and are set to give new meaning to our mascot – the Masked Bandits! Many of you have anxiously been awaiting communication on what the guidelines are going to be as the governor continues to re-open the state safely. We are proud to report that our COVID-19 Pool Operation Prevention Plan (CPOPP) was approved by the Gloucester County Department of Health (GCDOH) on June 18 and we have received clean water tests in all three pools so we are ready to open on Monday, June 22 at 12 noon!

One of the things that members love about The Valley is that our club is rarely crowded and has taken a simple approach to creating summer fun every year since 1957. The size of the club means that some of the changes necessary to comply with the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) requirements are more minor than clubs with larger memberships may have to implement.

However, there are changes. We are asking every member to read and understand the approved RVSC CPOPP that is available on our website at <http://www.rvsc.org/regulations-1>. The requirements focus on a few areas that will help staff, members, and guests to feel safe this summer –

- Social Distancing – we need to do our best to socially distance ourselves from other families in and out of the pool. There are visual cues throughout the club to help judge appropriate distances and there are some different traffic flows. We have had to limit the amount of shared seating at the club. Members are encouraged to bring their own chairs and utilize the marked areas for socially distant seating. Although we are here to help, it will be up to each individual family to manage their social distance as we do not know which family units and individual members or guests may live with one another.
- Face Coverings – Face coverings are required while entering, exiting, and moving about the club. Face coverings can't be worn in the pool or by lifeguards actively guarding and are not required when socially distanced in a seating area.
- Hygiene and Sanitation – Although chlorine renders coronavirus inactive, we do need to be diligent about cleaning, sanitizing, and personal hygiene. You will see RVSC staff cleaning and sanitizing high touch areas frequently. Members should also help by utilizing the sanitizer stations throughout the club to sanitize any shared seating before and after each use, washing their hands frequently, and trying to limit the use of the shower/changing areas. We will not be accepting cash at the snack bar. Members should visit [www.rvsc.org/snack-bar](http://www.rvsc.org/snack-bar) to purchase punch cards for use at the snack bar.

Recordkeeping – Members must diligently check-in AND check-out with the front desk so that we have an accurate record of who was at the club for contact tracing purposes. Based on historical numbers, it should not be necessary to limit entry or visit length at RVSC like so many other clubs are requiring. Guests and parties are still allowed on a limited basis.

- Things we'll miss – There are some things that the NJDOH is prohibiting. We are hopeful that these restrictions will be loosened in the future. The playground will remain closed at this time, general members are not permitted to use diving boards or slides (although we will keep the dive well open as an adults only pool to help with social distancing), and there will not be any shared toys at the club (noodles, balls, goggles, etc.). Families are encouraged to bring their own toys. We will not be maintaining a lost and found at the club so members should be diligent in ensuring that they leave with everything they came with.

We are confident that we will have a fun summer in The Valley – even with these adjustments. We are looking forward to seeing you next week and please feel free to reach out to [info@rvsc.org](mailto:info@rvsc.org) if you have any questions at all. See you at the club!

Sincerely,

Your Board of Trustees