



# Boulder Parks & Recreation

Dear Community Member,

Following up on our commitment to extend Boulder's outdoor pool season as long as realistic and feasible, we are writing to notify you that Spruce Pool will be closing for the season at close of business Sunday, Oct. 18. As we move into the weekend and the next week, average nightly temperatures have reached the threshold established when we announced this year's outdoor season extension given the pandemic-related growth in interest in outdoor swimming.

We are happy to share that while Spruce Pool is closing, Scott Carpenter Pool will remain open until:

- Daytime temperatures consistently drop below 50 degrees or
- Hourly outdoor pool reservations drop below 12 lanes (60%).

In addition, we will take this opportunity to remind you that indoor lap swimming is available by reservation at the North Boulder Recreation Center, and starting Monday, Oct. 19, the East Boulder Community Center will have additional swim availability.

Boulder Parks and Recreation has precautions in place to provide indoor swimming amidst the pandemic:

## **Recreation Center COVID-19 Protocols:**

- While health guidelines allow up to 50 people in the pool area, lap swimming operations are limited to 1 swimmer/lane or 2 from the same household.
- Staff and patrons are screened per city policy.
- Face coverings are required at all times, including during exercise, unless the individual has received doctor authorization that wearing a mask could impair their ability to breathe. Face coverings may be removed for swimming activity but must worn before and after using the pool.
- Custodial day porters provide hourly cleaning of high touch areas (doors, counters, restroom fixtures).
- The entire facility is "fogged" after closing using an electrostatic sprayer.
- Entry is by reservation only.

## **Aquatics Specifics Protocols:**

- Sanitized, watertight storage bins available for each pool lane reservation
- Water chemistry is maintained at higher levels of chlorine (3.0 PPM instead of 2.0 PPM) to increase water sanitation.
- Electronic whistles from lifeguards and physical distancing.

## **Indoor Swim Area Air Quality**

- The CDC guidance on operating indoor pools recommends "increasing introduction and circulation of outdoor air as much as possible."
- All three recreation centers have dedicated Heat Recovery Units to condition the air in the pool spaces and provide large volumes of outside air. Indoor pools are designed in this manner to control condensation on windows and remove chloramines (aka "the chlorine smell) from the air.
- This air handling equipment for all three indoor pools provides the outside air necessary to exceed the CDC's guidance of 1.2 air changes per hour by providing 4 to 6 air changes per



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hour (The air change per hour rate indicates how many times per hour the entire volume of the air in the natatorium is changed over. A higher number corresponds to better ventilation).

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