



May 21, 2020

2020 Pool Season

After careful consideration by the Board of Directors, it has been determined that the Jerome Recreation District pool will not be open during the 2020 season. We realize pools provide a valuable service for many kids and families and that this news is disappointing to many in our community. We look forward to operating under normal circumstances in the summer of 2021.

Why was this decision made?

Just like all public pools, we have been awaiting guidelines from state and local health officials to determine under what conditions we could operate the pool. The most recent guidelines released by the CDC, South Central Public Health, and the Governor's office as part of his Rebound Idaho Plan were used in our decision making process. Based on the guidelines, it was determined that we could operate the pool at a reduced capacity with health and safety protocols in place. However, swimming lessons, which account for 60% of pool revenue, are largely unfeasible based on the information that we received from state and local health officials. Operating at a reduced capacity without swimming lessons made the economics of operating the pool during the 2020 season impractical. Even under normal circumstances, pools are heavily subsidized amenities. The loss of revenue from other programs during the last 2 months of closure made an additional loss from operating the pool at a reduced service level unsound during the 2020 season.

Families that have a Gold Membership which includes pool access for the 2020 season should call and ask to speak with either Amy or Becky.

If you have questions please call (208) 324-3389.

**Sincerely,
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