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Bridge Park and Garden Park Pools Opening Friday

Wheeling, W.VA.— Bridge Park Pool on Wheeling Island and Garden Park Pool in Warwood will be open starting this Friday, June 19 from noon to 7 p.m. daily. Protective sanitary protocol will be in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are thrilled to be able to open the pools since this is a great resource for our local families and community members," said Bill Lanham, the assistant city manager. "As long as everyone can safely and willingly follow our protective guidelines, we are looking forward to a fun and safe summer."

The occupancy of each pool will be limited to 100 people, and guests are asked to be courteous to others waiting to be admitted. Attendees will be asked to wear facial coverings and personal protection when possible and maintain a distance of six feet from one another.

In addition, individuals will be required to bring their own chairs as no benches or seating will be provided.

"The City of Wheeling is taking the risks presented by COVID-19 seriously and will continue to monitor the local situation to meet change information, safety protocols and recommendations from federal, stand and local officials," said Director of Parks & Recreation Jesse Mestrovic.

Hand sanitizer will be available, but pool users are encouraged to bring their own

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sanitizers, wipes and other cleaning supplies. The bathhouses will be open, but swimmers are asked to come already dressed to swim to limit the amount of people in small spaces. There will be no pool parties the 2020 season.

All other pools in other parts of the city will be closed this summer in order to make necessary upgrades and renovations for upcoming years.

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