

Nassau County Pools Emergency Regulations Due to Novel Coronavirus limiting County Pools Access to County Residents and Camp Groups authorized to use a County Pool

Emergency Rule: In light of the hardships caused by the Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak and the resulting state of emergency, the Department of Health issued specific requirements for social distancing, and the cleaning and disinfection at pools in "Interim Guidance for Pools and Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" (the "Interim Guidance"). In order to maximize the likelihood of successful implementation of the Interim Guidance access to Nassau County (the "County") pools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums (the "Parks Department") should be limited to County residents and those summer camp groups that the Parks Department has authorized to use a Parks Department pool. Therefore, the use of County pools is hereby limited to County residents and to camp groups that have been issued a permit to use a County pool. This Emergency Rule shall remain in effect as long as The Interim Guidance remains in effect.

Statutory Basis: Pursuant to County Charter § 2165(f), the Commissioner of Parks (the "Commissioner") oversees "the operation and maintenance of all county pools and rinks". Pursuant to Ordinance No. 73-2014(8)(a), the Commissioner is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations relative to the use of any and all facilities, under his or her jurisdiction, as is deemed necessary and proper.

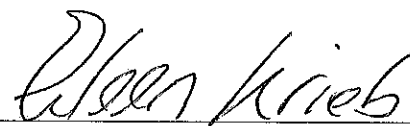
Justification: These emergency regulations are necessary in order to address hardships created by the novel coronavirus.

The Governor declared a statewide State of Emergency on March 7, 2020 by Executive Order No. 202. The County Executive declared a local state of emergency for the County of Nassau on March 13, 2020. The statewide and local states of emergency remain in effect.

As certain restrictions on parks use are eased or lifted, safeguards must be set in place to protect pool patrons and staff and minimize the chance of spreading COVID-19. Limiting the number of individuals authorized to use a County pool is one such safeguard.

Accordingly, the use of County pools is hereby limited to County residents and to camp groups that have been issued a permit to use a County pool. This Emergency Rule shall remain in effect as long as The Interim Guidance remains in effect.

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