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City of Winnipeg reopening indoor pools, offering Leisure Guide programming this spring

Winnipeg, MB – The City of Winnipeg's indoor pools previously closed due to COVID-19 restrictions will begin reopening to members of the public on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 25 percent capacity for aquatic sports groups, lane swimming, aquatic fitness classes, and limited public swimming.

The following indoor pools will begin opening on March 29:

- Bonivital
- Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex
- Elmwood Kildonans
- Kinsmen Sherbrook
- Margaret Grant
- Pan Am
- Sergeant Tommy Prince Place
- Seven Oaks
- St. James Assiniboia Centennial
- Transcona Kinsmen Centennial

Eldon Ross Pool and St. James Civic Centre remain closed.

Residents are encouraged to book swim blocks prior to arriving at the indoor pools, as there is no guarantee of available blocks for registration upon arrival, due to capacity restrictions. The blocks will be offered on a week-by-week basis and reservations can be made up to 30 minutes in advance of the pre-reserved time (space permitting). Every Thursday, another week of swim and fitness blocks will be added to what's available for registration.

Register at [leisureONLINE](#) to reserve an available block, or [contact 311](#) for assistance in registering. Residents can also register on-site for available blocks, as facilities open.

A new or current leisureONLINE account is required to reserve a block online. Video tutorials are available on [how to create an account](#) and [how to register for an activity](#). Admission/registration fees will apply when booking your time.

We encourage residents to review the [self-assessment checklist](#) before entering our facilities; anyone with COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to not enter. Visitors to our facilities will be required to [provide contact information](#) upon entry in the event contact tracing is required by Public Health.

Capacity at our indoor pools is limited in accordance with provincial public health orders, and to ensure physical distancing guidelines are maintained. Individuals are asked to maintain a distance of at least two metres from every other individual who is not in their household. Pools and fitness areas will be closed to the public for 30 minutes between the two-hour blocks to sanitize and allow for reasonable time for public to vacate the facility prior to the next scheduled block.

Access to lockers and change rooms/showers will be limited and spaced out to follow physical distancing guidelines. Please come dressed to swim and ready to use the fitness amenities. There will only be limited quantities of lifejackets on-site for public use; however, swimmers may bring their own lifejackets, flutter boards and toys. Permission to use toys will be left to the discretion of the lifeguard. Each pool will have posted signs and zone markings to follow. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each entrance.

Watch for more information, including pool schedules and available swim blocks, at winnipeg.ca/recreation.

Spring Leisure Guide programming

The City is offering Leisure Guide programming this spring, and the Spring 2021 Leisure Guide will be available [online](#) as of March 19, 2021.

Leisure Guide programming registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 for Winnipeg residents. Residents can [register online](#), by calling 311, or in-person at [395 Main St.](#), Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Customers wishing to register in person are reminded that they are required to wear a face mask and must maintain physical distancing.

Some of the programs offered in the Spring 2021 Leisure Guide include, dance, gymnastics, yoga, pottery, outdoor activities, and spring break camps.

The Leisure Guide Swimming and Skating brochures, containing Learn to Swim and Learn to Skate activities, are anticipated to be released later this spring.

For more information on Leisure Guide programming, see: winnipeg.ca/recreation.

For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, see: winnipeg.ca/COVID-19.

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