



## Swim Lessons 2021 Frequently Asked Questions

City of Emeryville aquatics team is excited to restart our learn-to-swim program for ages 1 year and older at the ECCL Pool. The State of California has deemed drowning prevention classes as essential services. This includes swim lessons with certified instructors. We are permitted to open with the changes listed below at this time. We will update everyone if any of the following changes throughout the summer.

### When will Swim Lessons resume?

- ✓ The ECCL pool will begin swim lessons for all ages and levels **on June 21, 2021.**
- ✓ Registration for Emeryville Residents begins Monday, May 24 at 9am and Thursday, May 27 at 9am for Non-residents.

### What levels will be offered?

Registration for summer 2021 will be based on age to reevaluate swimmers' levels.

- ✓ Parent/Child: Basic water safety skills for both parents and children ages 1-3 years
- ✓ Preschool: Introduces Basic skills to children ages 3-5 years
- ✓ Level 1/2: Basic skills for ages 6-17 years
- ✓ Level 3/4: Intermediate Skills for ages 6-17 years
- ✓ Level 5/6: Advance Skills for ages 6-17 years

### What is the instructor to student ratio?

- ✓ Parent/Child: 1:4
- ✓ Preschool: 1:3
- ✓ Level 1-4: 1:4
- ✓ Level 5-6: 1:5

### How long are the swim lessons?

- ✓ Both the group and 1:1 swim lesson are 25-minutes long which allows 5-minutes of transition time for all our instructors to communicate with their swimmers and parents and be able to exit the facility safely for the next swimmers.

### Is It Safe to Swim?

- ✓ The CDC has stated "There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools or hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance and disinfection (e.g. with chlorine or bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19."
- ✓ The ECCL Pool meets all health standards set by the CDC and the County Department of Health.
- ✓ Instructors will have minimal direct contact with participants and will maintain social distancing unless an emergency arises, or a swimmer needs assistance with their strokes.

**What Will Stay the Same?**

- ✓ The same kind, fun, highly trained and Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors of the City of Emeryville.
- ✓ Your swimmer's progression through our levels.

**Can I come onto the pool deck with my child?**

- ✓ We will allow ONE parent or guardian 18 years of age or older, to enter the facility with their child.
- ✓ Space on the deck is limited and will be socially distanced. Please note that not everyone will be seated in front of their child's class.

**What will be required to enter the facility at this time?**

- ✓ Face coverings will be required for anyone 2 years of age and older while not in the pool.
- ✓ Aquatics staff and swimming instructors will be required to wear a face covering.
- ✓ Everyone entering the building will receive a health screening including temperature check to enter the facility.
- ✓ Social distancing will be enforced in all areas.
- ✓ We have redesigned the traffic flow to facilitate one-way traffic and ensure social distancing. Please follow the signs and /or staff direction.
- ✓ Please do not come if participant or family is experiencing COVID-like symptoms.

**Will locker rooms be available?**

- ✓ Currently the locker rooms, changing areas, drinking fountains and showers are closed. Only one restroom and hand washing station are available.
- ✓ Participants should come dressed in their swim attire, ready for class and leave the facility with their swim attire on. We recommend participants bring warm clothes to put on over their wet swimsuit and/or a bathrobe.

**What time should we arrive at the pool?**

- ✓ Please arrive 15 minutes prior to class start time for a temperature check and health screening. This will help us stage participants on deck before their class starts.

Should you have any additional questions please contact Rebecca Sermeno, Recreation Supervisor at [rebecca.sermeno@emeryville.org](mailto:rebecca.sermeno@emeryville.org) or call the front office at (510) 596-4395.