DNREC Announces Killens Pond State Park Water Park to Reopen Friday After Cleaning, Negative Tests

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control will reopen the Killens Pond State Park Water Park on Friday, July 24, following its closure last week after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Through the Division of Public Health, contact tracing was completed, water park staff who met the definition of close contact with the positive staff member were tested and all results were negative.

The staff members who tested negative are following the DPH-recommended quarantine period from their last exposure to the staff member who tested positive. Other water park staff have continued routine cleaning during this week's closure and a deep clean with spray sanitizer will be completed Thursday.

For health and safety reasons, the water park hours will continue to include two sessions per day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The facility is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visitor capacity at the water park will continue to maintain 30% of capacity. Guests must reserve a session online prior to visiting the water park. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the park.

The following protocols and procedures are in effect until further notice:

- Masks or other cloth face coverings are required for entry into the water park, while in line, in concession areas and restrooms, and when social distancing of at least 6 feet between those of other households cannot be maintained.
- Face coverings may be removed once on the pool deck, but must continue to be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- Face coverings are not required while in the water. Any face coverings visitors choose to wear while in the water must be made of swimsuit-type material (man-made fibers). Standard face coverings made from cotton may make it difficult to breathe when wet.
- Guests must continue to social distance when in the water.
- Bathrooms and slide handrails will be sanitized every hour, and all other touch points will be sanitized between sessions.
- All other COVID-19-related rules, regulations and recommendations from the Division of Public Health apply.
- All other Water Park rules and regulations apply.

Water park entrance fees are $6 for those under 48 inches and $8 for those 48 inches and taller. Entry is free for children ages 2 and younger. The water park features attractions for all ages and abilities, including a main pool, baby pool, slides, fountains and a variety of other fun water features.

About DNREC

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