

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Milton-Freewater

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joe Humbert Family Aquatic Center - SUMMER 2020 UPDATE

At this time we are aiming to open on JULY 4th. In order for us to open we are currently addressing the surface issues that resulted in the early closure last summer. Safety measures related to COVID-19 are being implemented in place between City and YMCA staff. All staff will be screened prior to reporting to duty. We ask patrons to stay away if they are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, have been in contact with someone potentially or infected with COVID-19.

Changes you will see this year:

- Total facility occupancy is limited to 100 persons inclusive of all onsite staff. 97862 zip code residents will be offered priority admittance.
- Wait times may be in place if the facility reaches capacity. Patrons will then be allowed in as others exit to not exceed 100.
- Admittance will be on a first come, first served basis.
- No chairs or tables will be available. Please bring your own.
- The children's frog slide will be out of service this year.
- The blue and yellow slides will be open as long as social distancing is followed.
- Concessions will sell pre-packaged items only. Outside food and beverage are allowed, please no alcohol or glass.
- Sand play area and volleyball areas will be closed.
- No BBQ nights.
- Social distancing will be monitored.
- Patrons will enter through the front and exit through a designated side gate into the park.
 - Lessons will be provided by Walla Walla YMCA staff in accordance with the American Red Cross Lesson Certification Program. Groups will be smaller this year to allow for social distancing. First come, first served basis. No late registrations will be accepted.
To sign up: Call the YMCA at: 509-525-8863 or Login online and schedule:
www.wwymca.org

YMCA lifeguarding staff reserves the right to require swim tests for any patrons. Swim tests will be administered for safety. Swimmers will have bands identifying swim ability and the area of the facility they will be able to swim in without a swimming adult present.

Due to the many uncertainties at this time, all plans are tentative and subject to change at any time without notice. We thank you for your patience and support during these difficult unprecedented times.

Rest assured we are doing our best to offer a summer aquatic season for our residents who have supported the local option tax funding repairs as well as those that supported the initial bond to construct the facility. Thank you Milton-Freewater - 97862 rocks!