



**President**  
Mike Keller

**Vice President**  
Tammy Ament

**Secretary**  
Rob Vodinelic

**Treasurer**  
Phil Hein

**Board of Directors**  
Holly Cline  
Jamie DeCarlo  
Doug Southgate  
Debbie Tschofen  
Mike Wright

**Executive Director**  
Kurt Carmen

**Director of  
Competitive  
Programs**  
Bernard Vrancken

**Director of  
Engineering**  
Chad Davis

**Director of  
Operations**  
Lori Ave

**Director of  
Programming**  
Racheal Smith

May 19, 2020

To our Competitive Swimming Community:

Interrupting our 67-year history of competitive swimming in Worthington is heartbreaking. Be it the Worthington Swim Club, Worthington School teams, or our Wave recreational program – these programs have allowed our youth to train, compete, and develop life skills and memories that they carry with them through their life.

As we noted separately the Board of Directors has the sad duty of announcing that the outdoor pools will not open this year. The overriding motivation for this decision is the health and safety of our staff, membership, and community.

The natatorium has been closed since March in accordance with the Governor's Orders. Please be assured that we are diligently exploring every opportunity to return your team to the indoor natatorium. Our responsibility is to ensure that, when we can open our facilities, we have policies and resources in place to keep our staff, membership and teams safe.

We continue to base decisions on Gov. DeWine orders and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Health, and the aquatics industry. We are working to evaluate how these policies impact our ability to operate, staff, and manage the indoor natatorium. The following factors weigh heavy when evaluating the safe operation of our facilities within the COVID-19 environment.

- Guidelines for social distancing for teams and staffing (coaches and office personnel)
  - Impacts to capacity within natatorium and pool;
  - Modified deck layout and seating areas to support social distancing
- Accessibility to showers, restrooms, locker rooms, communal spaces and sanitizing requirements;
- Operational standards for compliance with new requirements of public health officials:
  - Evaluation/verification of HVAC for the exchange and treatment of air;
  - Evaluation/verification of mechanical and chemical treatment systems;
  - Potential need to install touchless sensors on faucets, drinking fountains, and restroom facilities;
  - Potential need for self-sanitizing stations within our facilities.

Over the next month (June) we will be evaluating a plan to implement the health professional guidelines and a financial model which addresses the new reality of operational costs (staffing, capacity limitations, facility improvements, etc.). The goal of this activity is to position our organization for potential opportunities to return to the pool this Fall.



**Worthington  
POOLS**

400 W. Dublin Granville Road  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
(614) 885-1619  
[www.worthingtonpools.com](http://www.worthingtonpools.com)  
[www.facebook.com/WorthingtonPools](https://www.facebook.com/WorthingtonPools)  
[www.twitter.com/TheWoPo](https://www.twitter.com/TheWoPo)

Operating a swimming pool with the threat of Covid-19 is sure to bring a new normal; but let us work together to assure the best outcome possible.

We appreciate your thoughts and support as we navigate the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the responsibility of the safety of the community we serve. We will keep you informed as we work through this process.

Stay Healthy; Stay Safe.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Keller  
President of the Board of Directors