



## Town of Claresholm-Claresholm Aquatic Centre-Media Release

**The Town of Claresholm is pleased to announce that the Claresholm Aquatic Centre will be opening July 20, 2020 for a Soft Launch.** Lessons, Family Swims and JLC programs will be added after evaluating the success of the opening.

**The Claresholm Aquatic Centre will be adhering to the guidelines released by the Province of Alberta, and due to the unique circumstance that the Facility is located in the Claresholm Center for Mental Health and Addictions, there will be additional measures taken to ensure the safety of those in the facility.**

**Reservations:** There will be a maximum number of patrons allowed into the facility for each swim to ensure we are abiding by Alberta Health Services (AHS) Guidelines for physical distancing. Each patron/swimmer will be required to preregister. The link to the Reservation Line will be posted at <http://www.claresholm.ca/>, and registrations will begin July 15, 2020.

**Payments:** We recommend that customers prepay if possible due to logistical issues with flow of traffic and social distancing requirements, by Credit Card over the phone or e-transfer to [payments@claresholm.ca](mailto:payments@claresholm.ca).

**Entrance:** Access will be the door to the right of the windows (by the hot tub) no more than 5 minutes before the scheduled swim time, as the main doors remain locked. You will be asked to remove your footwear upon entry to the facility.

**Sanitizing & Screening:** All patrons are required to use the sanitizing stations on entrance and exit from the facility and will be required to fill out a screening checklist with contact information upon arrival. Youth 17 and under must have an adult fill the form out. This form will be held for a minimum of 2 weeks as per guidelines.

**Swimwear:** All swimmers must come with swimwear on (under clothes), and you will be required to shower before entering the pool.

**Lockers:** There will be no access to lockers due to increased cleaning protocols. Patrons will be asked to put their items on the perimeter ledge on the deck in designated areas. Please bring a large bag for your items, waterproof if possible.

***After your swim time we need your cooperation in rinsing quickly, changing and leaving the facility in a timely fashion to provide time for sanitation procedures between programs. Please shower fully when you get home.***

**Passes:** Passes prior to the pool shutdown will be reinstated starting July 20, with whatever days remaining from March 16 added to this date.

**Lesson and Aquafit Credits:** These will be held up to 6 months starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that you make arrangements with the office if you require a refund.

### **Swim & Program Capacities**

**Fitness swims:** 8 people maximum, 2 lanes available, 4 swimmers in lane swimming in a continual loop.

**Aquafit:** 8 people maximum

**Family Swims:** 25 people maximum, *this number may increase to 42 people after evaluating the success of the soft launch*

**JLC & Swim Teams:** 20 people (cohorts) as per the Swim Canada Guidelines

**Lessons:** Private & Family lessons will begin after advanced training programs are completed, regular lesson programming may be introduced after evaluating the success of the soft launch.