

# Great Mills Swimming Pool

21100 Great Mills Road (next to Great Mills High School)

## Operating Hours – **Beginning Monday, August 31, 2020**

The Great Mills Swimming Pool is scheduling use for lap swimming, exercise and aqua aerobics and open swim for St. Mary's County residents only. Reservations can be made online each week. Reservations are available for the upcoming weekend and following week each Thursday. Once all spots are reserved for each time slot, no further entrance will be accepted. Payment will be made when you arrive for your reservation at the pool. Payment will not be taken in advance due to many variables such as inclement weather and price differences by age. Reservations requests will close an hour before the reservation time slot. The pool will close between reservation times in order for staff to properly sanitize all surfaces and clean restrooms. **PLEASE REVIEW:** [Reservation Etiquette](#)

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	Lap Swimming (1-hour blocks)	6:30-8:30am 9:00-11:00am 4:30-5:30pm M/T/TH 4:30-5:30pm W/F 5:30-7:30pm	Maximum of 7 Lanes Maximum of 7 Lanes Maximum of 4 Lanes Maximum of 7 Lanes Maximum of 1 Lane
	Shallow End Water Walking (1-hour blocks)	6:30-8:30am	Maximum of 5 participants
	Aqua Aerobics	9:00am M-F 10:15am M/TH 4:30-5:30pm T/TH	Maximum of 10 participants
	Open Swim	5:30-7:30pm M/W/F	2 Hour Reservations Maximum of 25 participants
	Swim Teams	3:30-5:30pm M/T/TH 5:30-8:00pm M-F	3 Lanes 6 Lanes
<b>Saturdays</b>	Swim Teams	7:00-11:30am	7 Lanes
	Aqua Aerobics	9:00-10:00am	Maximum of 10 participants
	Open Swim	12:00-2:00pm 3:00-5:00pm	2 Hour Reservations Maximum of 50 participants
	Lap Swimming (1-hour blocks)	5:30-7:30pm	Maximum of 7 Lanes
<b>Sundays</b>	Open Swim	12:00-2:30pm 3:00-5:30pm	2.5 Hour Reservations Maximum of 50 participants
	Swim Teams	TBA	4 Lanes

**Online Reservations:** Visit [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate) and click on **Online Registration**. Choose the **Aquatics** button. Reservations will be made available on a weekly basis. Simply choose your activity and time slot and register all participants in your family who will be attending. Payment will be due upon arrival at your reservation time.

**Phone Reservations:** Please call the main office at 301-475-4200 ext. 1800, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. You may also contact the Great Mills Pool at 301-866-6560. **Cancellations:** If you need to cancel a reservation please call us or email to [greatmillspool@stmarysmd.com](mailto:greatmillspool@stmarysmd.com). If you fail to cancel and do not show for Lap Swimming or Aqua Aerobics, you will be charged for that day. Open Swim no show after 30-minutes will result in forfeit of space.

**Arriving at the Pool:** Please adhere to guidance for checking in and maintaining social distancing once you arrive to the pool. Staff will be providing direction and answering any questions you may have. All guests must reside in St. Mary's County and are required to wear a mask upon entering the pool bath house and on the pool deck. Masks may only be removed when entering the water. The front door will be an entrance only. To exit the pool, you will need to leave through the exterior gate leading into the parking lot.

### **Social Distancing**

All visitors will be required to bring their own equipment such as kick boards. The pool will not be loaning equipment during the COVID restrictions.

The following will need to be followed for all guests:

1. All guests must be a St. Mary's County resident.
2. Everyone aged 5 and older, must wear a mask when they enter the front entrance, throughout the locker room and onto the pool deck.
3. Masks are not required while in the water.
4. You and your immediate family must remain 6 feet from other guests at all times both in the water and on the pool deck.
5. A limited number of pool chairs are available. It is recommended that you bring a towel with you as spaces will be marked on the grass for your family.

### **Pool & Amenity Access**

1. The front entrance will be opened at the start of your reservation block. You will proceed to pay while maintaining 6 feet distance from the group in front of you. All guests will then filter through the locker rooms and onto the outdoor pool deck.
2. The lockers rooms are open for restroom and sink access only. The bathing suit water extractor is also not available for use. During inclement weather, please follow staff directions and signs.
3. When exiting the pool after your reservation time, you will exit through the exterior gate and into the parking lot.
4. Vending machines, water fountains and showers will not be accessible. Please shower before you arrive at the pool and bring your own water bottle.
5. Food is not permitted anywhere on premise.

### **Preparations Prior to Arriving at the Pool**

1. If you are feeling sick or exhibit any signs related to COVID-19, please stay home.
2. Bring your face mask and water bottle. Water fountains and vending machines will not be accessible.
3. Try to bring exact change or have a credit/debit card ready to pay entrance fees.
4. Shower before you arrive. The showers at the pool will not be available for use at this time.
5. We ask that all guests arrive dressed in their swimsuits. Lockers will not be available to store your personal belongings. All personal belongings must remain with you at all times during your visit.
6. Restroom access is available however showers will not be available for use. Please maintain distance from other guests and take turns using the facilities.
7. Please understand that masks must be worn at all times when not in the water.

## Your Safety & Facility Sanitation

Staff have implemented several measures to ensure proper cleaning and adherence to recommendations for COVID-19 guidelines for swimming pools. The schedule allows for the pool to close several times daily to address overall cleaning and sanitization of all surfaces and high touch areas such as doorknobs and faucet handles.

1. All surfaces will be sanitized after each reservation group.
2. Clear barriers have been placed at the front desk to help protect staff and patrons during interactions and when accepting payments for entrance.
3. All tables and chairs will be sanitized after each user. These tables will be located in the grassy areas surrounding the pool deck. There will be a limited number available.
4. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located at the front desk for your use after checking-in.
5. Restrooms will be sanitized twice a day and surfaces wiped after each reservation group.
6. Please follow all directional signs to maintain proper social distancing.

## Admission Rates & Passes

Please visit our website at [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/aquatics](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/aquatics) for daily admissions and pool passes.

## Questions?

Contact us at 301-866-6560 or at the Recreation & Parks main office at 301-475-4200 ext. 1800

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