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Dear Russell Gardens Association Members:

Welcome to the RGA 2021 Pool Season! The pool will be open and be in full operation, weather permitting, on **Saturday, May 29th**.

Enclosed please find the **COVID-19 Pool Rules and Procedures** for the summer of 2021. The Nassau County Board of Health and the NYS Department of Health guidelines to open and operate the pool facility, remain the same as last season. It is important that you read and become familiar with the pool rules in order to ensure the facility remains open and safe. Some key highlights are as follows:

- Dates of operation are May 29th, May 30th, May 31st, June 5th, June 6th, and June 12th through September 6th.
- Pool hours: M-F 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sat & Sun 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
- Extended family and guests will be not be permitted at opening in order to ensure that all homeowners have access to the pool facility. However, as we did last year, we will monitor pool attendance/capacity and make adjustments as necessary.
- Complete and return the following enclosed forms to **6 Tain Drive prior to May 21st**:
 - COVID-19 waiver of liability and indemnification form for those 18 years of age and older.
 - Homeowner contact information form to ensure you are receiving the emails where we share pertinent RGA information.

We are pleased to welcome back Eamonn Flood as our pool director and Brian Bergman as assistant pool director. We look forward to a great summer and seeing you all enjoying the pool facility.

Feel free to call the RGA office at 516-829-5102 or email the office at rga11021@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Warmest Regards,

RGA Board of Directors

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2021 COVID-19 POOL RULES & PROCEDURES

In order to enjoy the pool facility in a safe manner, we need to work together as a community to ensure that we respect and follow the rules that are required by the CDC, NYS and Nassau County Board of Health in order to open and operate the RGA pool facility. Please take your time to read so you know exactly how we will be functioning and what the rules are before you come to the pool. As the season progresses, we reserve the right to make adjustments to the rules to ensure that we meet the required guidelines. In accordance with the guidelines, the rules are as follows:

- When you arrive, one family will enter at a time. Please observe the social distancing markers on the ground as you enter.
- Everyone must wear a face covering when entering the pool facility.
- Your temperature will be taken at pool facility prior to admittance using a no touch thermometer.
- You will be asked to answer the following questions upon entering the pool facility:
 - o Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you tested positive for the COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you been in close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?
 - o Have you spent longer than a 24-hour period of time in a state that is subject to quarantine restrictions on travelers arriving in New York State?
- A lifeguard will log you in and record whether or not anyone in your household has a fever and your responses to the above questions in order to maintain a required contact tracing log.
- If you have a fever of 100.4 or higher and/or respond yes to one of the 3 questions you will unfortunately not be permitted into the pool facility.
- Please bring photo identification, you may be asked to show proof of residence.
- Hours of operation of the pool facility is as follows:
 - o Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- The gazebo will have tables and/or chairs set aside for residents who are 65 years of age and older if they wish to further social distance.
- Pool facility will be at 50% capacity. At this time, **only homeowner's and their children living at home with proof of residence** will have access to the pool to prevent anyone from being sent away due to reaching pool capacity. Therefore, **no guests** will be permitted (This includes but is not limited to, adult children not living at home, grandchildren, grandparents, daughter/son in-laws, siblings, friends, etc.). Caregivers and nannies will be permitted if needed. Depending on demand of the facility, we might have to impose further limits.
- No group gatherings larger than 10 around the pool deck or in the pool. There will be no birthday parties, holiday parties, or large gatherings at the pool facility this season.
- If pool deck capacity is reached, you will not be able to enter the pool facility. We will write your name and phone number on a wait list and contact you once space is available.
- You are required to wear a face covering around the pool deck area when you cannot observe 6 feet of social distancing.
- Face coverings are **NOT to be worn in the water**. When wet, face coverings can be difficult to breathe through.

- Social distancing is also required when in the pool. If need be, lifeguards will limit the number of people in the pool to maintain social distancing guidelines. If capacity is reached within the pool, we will establish time limits so that everyone gets time in the pool.
- Bathrooms will be limited to a family in the same household or 2 people at a time with a face covering. Please observe the social distancing markers on the ground as you wait to enter.
- No entering the lifeguard/snack shed. If you want to purchase a snack, ask one of the lifeguards at the front desk. They will wear gloves to get the item for you, also please observe the social distancing markers on the ground as you wait.
- The pool, slide, and lap lanes will be open, however, if the pool approaches maximum capacity we will close those areas to have more space to properly social distance. Please observe the social distancing markers on the ground as you wait to enter.
- The kiddie pool is small and seating is limited due to its confined space. Please be considerate of your neighbors and limit your time in this area so others can enjoy the space as well. If required, time limits will be established for the use of the kiddy pool and surrounding gated area.
- The pool facility will not provide toys, goggles, kickboards, noodles, ping pong table or any items.
- There is no sharing of toys among children of different households.
- Food deliveries are to be picked up outside of the pool entrance in an assigned area that will be marked.

What are we doing?

- We have posted signs in each of the bathrooms to remind you to please help stop the spread by washing your hands thoroughly.
- We have installed hand sanitizer dispensers in both bathrooms, food court and by the lifeguard shed (only for use by lifeguards). Please use them frequently.
- Seating will be spread out around the pool facility to ensure that 6 feet separation is maintained.
- We will be cleaning and disinfecting high contact areas, chairs, tables, and lounges frequently throughout the day.

How can you help?

- Follow the rules to ensure the RGA pool facility remains open this summer by the Nassau County Department of Health.
- Follow the rules so that all homeowners can enjoy the pool facility without further limitations and help us all stay healthy and safe.
- Bring your own face coverings, they will not be provided by RGA pool facility.
- Bring photo identification to show proof of residency.
- Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you have a fever, any symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to a great summer. We hope to see everyone at the pool!