



Triangle Aquatic Center

"Making a Splash in our Community"



To: All TAC TITANS Families
From: Kevin Chignell, Chairman *KCC*
Triangle Aquatic Center Board of Directors
Date: November 19, 2020
Re: High School Swimming Comes to TAC, a New Traffic Pattern & Additional COVID Updates

For the last twelve years, TAC has supported our community by providing practice space and hosting meets for Wake County public high school swimming. This year will be no exception, as many of these schools would not be able to participate at all if TAC abandoned its commitment. This memo outlines what high school swimming will mean for all TITANS swimmers and their families when the season starts next Monday, November 23rd.

We want to remind all TITANS families that TAC continues to comply with North Carolina's Phase II restrictions which allow us to conduct practices with as many as six swimmers per lane, based on the square footage of our pools. So far, we have remained below the allowable maximum, and we will continue to do so as often as possible. Should changes to our TITANS practice groups be required – once high school meets begin on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (starting on December 8th) – we will communicate directly with those groups where more than four swimmers per lane may be necessary.

Remember also that Coach Bruce has requested that all TITANS swimmers practice as normal with the TITANS team – instead of attending their high school's practices – which allows greater lane space availability for high school swim teams (no matter where they practice). If you have any questions about this request, please contact Coach directly (coachbruce@tactitans.org).

TAC's COVID Protocols Will Continue to Be Enforced

We've worked closely with TITANS families (and visiting teams who participate in meets) to implement and continuously improve our protocols and best practices designed to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID at our facility. As a reminder, these include all of the following:

- **Masks must be worn inside the TAC facility at all times by all swimmers, coaches, and staff – unless the swimmers are in the water.** TITANS coaches will wear masks except when it is necessary to give

instructions to swimmers in the water, and TITANS coaches will observe social distancing practices.

- Cleaning throughout the facility is performed on regular intervals by TAC staff.
- Swimmers, coaches, staff and families are discouraged from gathering in small or large groups outside the facility or in the TAC parking lots as they come and go from practices and meets. Swimmers and guests should wear masks on our property – even outside – wherever they cannot (or do not) maintain strict social distancing.
- TITANS swimmers attending their normal TITANS practices should be entirely focused on following the guidelines we have communicated since TAC re-opened: wear your mask, keep your distance, and go directly to/from practice with your TITANS coach. TITANS swimmers will not be allowed to mingle with any visiting high school teams when they are also present in the facility.

High School Requirements for all Practices and Meets at TAC

In addition to the protocols that all TITANS will follow, Wake County will require its teams to do all of the following at our facility:

- High schools will require team coaches and representatives to wear masks at all times.
- High school coaching staff will meet their athletes at a designated location in the facility and perform temperature checks before each practice and each meet.
- High school swimmers are required to wear masks in the facility at all times except when they are in the water.
- Teams may not co-mingle on deck. There will be designated locations on deck for each team, and high school swimmers must stay with their own teams at all times. For regional meets, TAC will follow the same pattern for swimmers inside the building as we follow for TAC meets – with swimmers staged in the upstairs stadium.



New Traffic Pattern for Pick-Up/Drop-Off Begins November 23rd

Please carefully review the attached diagram that shows a new traffic pattern for **all drop-off and pick-up** beginning Monday, November 23rd.

- Drop-off and pick-up will be split into separate locations. Drop-off will take place by driving down the hill, past the fitness center entrance, and back up to the top of the hill. Pick-up will occur in the parking lot across from TAC's main entrance.
- The red lines on the diagram designate where cars may stop. Green lines indicate where traffic should continue flowing at all times. There are absolutely no "quick pick-ups" allowed if you are in the lanes shown in green.
- There will be no parking directly in front of the new atrium, and other parking spots along the perimeter will be blocked off to allow for the formation of a (red) pick-up lane.
- Please note that there is **no stopping allowed** directly in front of the building's main entrance, which is (and has been) designated as **a fire lane**.

We will have a parking attendant in the parking lot for the first few weeks of this new traffic pattern to help direct vehicles and establish good drop-off and pick-up habits.

Other COVID-related Reminders:

Fitness Center

We have determined that it is necessary to require all coaches and athletes to wear a mask inside the fitness center at all times until you begin to exercise strenuously within a socially-distanced space. The TITANS will soon provide lanyards for your mask during strenuous exercise, so that the mask remains readily available to put on again while inside the fitness center.

Contact Tracing

All high school swim teams are required to provide contact information for swimmers, coaches, volunteers, and staff who use our facility and TAC will provide the contact tracing in the event of a COVID-positive report.

We remind all TITANS families that if you know or suspect your swimmer has had contact with a COVID-positive person you should notify elisabowie@triangleaquatics.org as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly at kevinchignell@parkerpoe.com.

NO-TURN ZONE

DRIVE

SOUTH PARKING

LOT

NO STOPPING IN GREEN LANES

TO SWIMMER DROP OFF

THROUGH TRAFFIC

SWIMMER DROP OFF LANE

DROP OFF HERE

NO PARKING/NO PICKUP

TAC

MAIN ENTRANCE

TAC

ATRIUM ENTRANCE

PICK UP HERE

PICKUP LANE

THROUGH TRAFFIC

THROUGH TRAFFIC

PICKUP LANE

