

# Garrett College to reopen CARC on June 19<sup>th</sup>

*CARC to resume regular schedule, but with room limits per state order*

**McHenry, MD** – Garrett College will reopen the Community Aquatic and Recreation Complex (CARC) on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. as permitted by Governor Hogan’s latest executive order.

The CARC will operate under its normal hours – 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays – but patrons will notice changes implemented to provide a safer and healthier environment.

“There will be two fitness studios – Room 922 with a maximum of 20 patrons and Room 932 with a maximum of 12 patrons,” said Stephen Putnam, the CARC’s director. “If both of those rooms are filled to the maximum limit, patrons will be asked to limit their time to one hour.

“Room 931 will have a limit of 10 participants, including instructor, for group fitness classes,” added Putnam, “while the Pilates Studio in Room 930 will have a maximum of two patrons and one instructor.”

Putnam said the one-hour limit will be used for the CARC’s two pools if they reach maximum capacity.

The new capacity for the warm-water pool is 35. Lanes 1 through 4 of the competition pool will be for lap swimming with a one-swimmer-per-lane limit, while lanes 5 and 6 will be reserved for open swim with a 35-swimmer maximum.

“All of these numbers meet the new code/guidelines and have a small buffer built in for extra safety,” said Putnam. “I want to err on the side of caution as we start up.”

Putnam said all seating will be removed from the Main Street area and patrons will be asked not to congregate in this area.

“Per state regulations, face coverings will be required for staff and patrons while inside the building,” added Putnam. “Face coverings are not required while swimming. While face coverings are strongly encouraged while exercising, patrons may remove a face covering if they feel they cannot safely exercise with the face covering in place.”

Putnam emphasized that all standard guidelines and recommendations from state and local agencies as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will apply.

*The most up-to-date information on Garrett College’s response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including the Return to Operations Plan, can be found online at <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/corona-virus.php>.*

We appreciate your patience as we evolve in our new operations protocol and look forward to seeing you all!

Thank you,  
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