

Clark County Parks & Recreation Department

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Dear Patron,

Clark County is pleased to announce that Desert Breeze and West Flamingo indoor swimming pools will re-open to the public on **Tuesday, May 26th**, and resume their regular operational schedules.

After initial findings of the presence of staph bacteria in these two facilities, Clark County voluntarily closed the pools for cleaning and additional testing. In addition, as a precaution, Clark County also had water samples analyzed from its other two indoor pools, the Hollywood Aquatic Center at 1550 S. Hollywood Blvd. and Cora Coleman at 2100 Bonnie Lane.

Hollywood and Cora Coleman samples showed no detectable levels of bacteria and remained open. Two independent labs were employed to take samples and analyze the results at West Flamingo and Desert Breeze. Results from both show no detectable levels of bacteria. We apologize for the inconvenience these closures have caused, but our foremost goal was to ensure the continued health and safety of our swim community. We will continue to employ rigorous disinfection procedures at all of our pools and recreation facilities, and follow all mandated public health protocols.

The public is reminded to practice good hygiene when using public swimming pools. It's important to shower off before entering and exiting a pool, and the Southern Nevada Health District also recommends the following measures:

- Don't touch any bumps, rashes, cuts, infected areas, or bandages on another person's skin.
- Don't share items, like towels or razors, with other people.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and cover them with bandages.

If you have a skin infection:

- Don't go in recreational water, it might be difficult to keep skin adequately covered. Other germs from the water can get into your wound(s) and cause additional infections.
- If you do go in the water, cover any bumps, rashes, cuts, or infected areas with water-tight bandages.
- Practice good hygiene by regularly washing hands with soap and water.
- Don't let other people touch your bumps, rashes, cuts, infected areas, or bandages.

Again, thank you for your patience and please be aware that all season pass holders at Desert Breeze and West Flamingo pools will receive credit on their accounts for the days the facilities were out of use. If you should require additional information regarding Clark County aquatic facilities, please refer to the Parks and Recreation Department web pages at:

<http://clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/parks/Services/Pages/Aquatics.aspx>.

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