**Newton Bluefish Swim Team**

**Fall/Winter Season 2021-2022**

**In order to prevent disease transmission and operate the safest possible program possible, the following regulations will remain in place for the 2021-2022 season:**

* If your swimmer has been feeling ill, please DO NOT send them to practice.
* If someone in your family is diagnosed with COVID, DO NOT send your swimmer to practice.
* Have your swimmer pre-showered and changed into their bathing suit underneath their street clothes. The locker rooms will be open, but we encourage limiting time spent inside.
* Ensure your swimmer has their **goggles, cap and water bottle** in their swim bag.  **For younger swimmers that need assistance with their swim cap and goggles, please put them on before they enter the locker room.** Renting/sharing of equipment is not allowed at this time.  Water bottles are required to be labeled with the swimmer's full name.
* **Swimmers will enter at Tiger Drive (The main entrance of the high school)**
* Please have your swimmer dropped off about 10 minutes before their practice time
* Swimmers will enter the main entrance and line up single file maintaining a safe distance in the lobby for attendance.
* Parks & Recreation staff members will wait with your child until the Coaches are ready for the next group of swimmers to enter
* ALL SWIMMERS MUST wear a face covering when they enter the building and will continue to wear it until the Coaches signal to enter the pool.
* Swimmers will walk to the pool deck and drop their belongings on marked spots on the bleachers
* Bathrooms will be available for any swimmer that needs it. Between each swimming group, Parks & Recreation staff will be doing a touch point wipe down of handles, railings, etc.
* Bathroom stalls will be available for any swimmer that needs it.  Swimmers must inform a coach before leaving the pool deck and proper hand washing is required before entering the pool.
* If a swimmer feels ill during practice, they will not be allowed to swim or sit on the pool benches.  A parent will be contacted for the swimmer to be picked up.
* Swimmers cannot change their swim practice time and must swim with their own age group in the assigned lane.
* There is no makeup practice
* The viewing gallery will be open. However, be aware that all persons entering the high school MUST have a face covering and the viewing gallery is very warm.
* Once your swimmer’s practice time is over, they will gather their belongings and exit the pool deck single file.
* **Dismissal** from practice will also be from Tiger Drive main high school entrance)
* For younger swimmers, please meet them at Tiger drive. Staff are not responsible for swimmers once they leave the building so please ensure a safe pickup.
* If you need to contact the Coaches, please do so over the phone or email and do not disrupt practice

**Procedure for participant illness**

1. If a swimmer is feeling ill, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or receives a positive diagnosis, they shall not attend practice.
2. The parent of the swimmer shall let the Head Coach or Director know **if they have a positive diagnosis.**
3. The Head Coach will let the swimming cohort know that there is a participant with a positive diagnosis The Head Coach will protect the privacy of the swimmer and family.
4. In the event multiple members of a cohort get a diagnosis or have similar symptoms, that practice cohort may be suspended.
5. The swimmer can return when cleared from isolation/quarantine.