



Harrisonville Aquatics Center

Inclement Weather Policy

Policy Statement:

The inclement weather policy for the Harrisonville Aquatics Center is designed to prioritize the well-being and safety of staff, participants, and visitors. The policy proposes the following guidelines:

1. Delay Opening:

Decisions regarding delayed facility openings will be made by 11 a.m. for a noon opening and by 2 p.m. for a 3 p.m. opening. This allows time for staff notifications and ensures adherence to standard shift schedules.

2. Temperature Closure:

If the air temperature is forecasted to remain below 70 degrees Fahrenheit for the day, the facility will be closed.

3. Weather Conditions:

- **Delayed Opening due to Low Temperature:** If the air temperature at the pool opening is below 70 degrees Fahrenheit, despite warmer forecasts later, the opening will be delayed.
- **Thunder and Lightning:** Audible thunder or visible lightning will prompt immediate evacuation of all bodies of water for 30 minutes. The delay restarts with each subsequent strike. Real-time location tracking will be utilized via a reliable source such as the Lightning Strike Map-Local Tracker & Radar | WeatherBug.
- **Severe Weather Warnings:** The pool will close if the National Weather Service issues a "Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Cass County, Missouri" or a "Tornado Warning for Cass County, Missouri," until the warning is lifted.
- **Rain and Storms:** Doppler radar from the National Weather Service, determined by the Director and Management staff, will be used to assess storm strength and forecast timing. Brief showers will not affect opening, but in the case of forecasted heavy storms, management will delay the facility's opening as per the established time frame.
- **Closure Timing:** If inclement weather occurs within 2 hours of closing time, the Harrisonville Aquatics Center will close for the evening.