

Dear UVAC Community,

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming maintenance schedule that will impact the availability of our warm water pool.

Commencing on Wednesday, April 17, we will be temporarily closing the warm water pool for maintenance purposes from Monday through Friday, specifically from 1pm to 3pm until Tuesday, May 28. This temporary closure is essential to address an issue we have identified with perlite sand escaping back into the pool after filtration. While perlite itself is not hazardous, it may potentially cause temporary skin and eye irritation.

To ensure the safety and comfort of all our members, we have taken immediate measures to address this issue:

1. Installation of a New Portable Water Pump and Filter System: A new portable water pump and filter system have been installed to operate overnight and during the mentioned closure hours. This system will draw water from the pool, filter it, and return it to the warm water pool, providing an additional layer of filtration.
2. Enhanced Filtration Process: We have enhanced the filtration process by installing a tighter mesh screen inside the catch basin screens of the pool, specifically targeting the removal of perlite from the water. Initial observations indicate that this measure has been effective, and we will continue to monitor and follow up with individuals spending significant time in the water.
3. Scheduled Installation of a New Filter System: To further improve the filtration system, we have scheduled the installation of a new filter system specifically engineered for UVAC. This installation will take place during a shutdown period from May 28 through June 9. Despite our efforts to expedite the installation, the end of May is the earliest possible completion date.
4. Utilization of Super Blue: In the interim, we are utilizing Super Blue to alleviate the cloudiness issue caused by perlite. Super Blue works by coagulating the perlite sand in the water, causing it to sink to the bottom where it can be filtered out, resulting in clearer water.

We understand the complexity and seriousness of this situation, and we want to assure you that we are fully committed to resolving it as quickly as possible. Our team will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates continuously.

In addition, please note that during this maintenance period, weekend use of the Warm Water Pool will be limited to programming only. This would be limited to lessons, classes, and other pre scheduled programming (i.e. birthday parties). This is in an effort to reduce the bather load. We kindly request your cooperation in this matter.

Furthermore, in the event of skin irritation, we advise gently washing the affected area with soap and warm water. It's also important to shower after swimming to minimize any potential irritation. For eye irritation, we recommend flushing the eyes with large amounts of water. For your convenience, we will be adding soap and shampoo in all shower stalls.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support during this maintenance period. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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