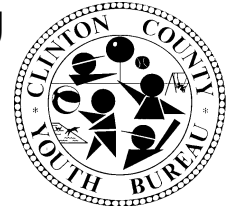


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## 2021 Swim Program Information



**TO:** Youth Commissioners  
**FROM:** Krysten Conners, Recreation Director  
**DATE:** March 16, 2021  
**RE:** 2021 Swim Program

Hello Everyone,

The Covid-19 pandemic has made scheduling certain programs, especially those involving use of a school facility difficult. With the upcoming, swim program just around the corner we realize many towns may not be able to run their program as normal because they rely on the school's pools. The Youth Bureau has decided not to cancel the swim program out right but allow towns the opportunity to find alternative locations or if they are able to, school approved facilities.

If towns are able to provide facility or location they must provide a covid-19 safety plan approved by that facility or location. Only then will The Youth Bureau consider funding that town's swim program. Please note if using a location other than a pool or established beach, additional NY state safety regulations may apply. Make sure all locations are approved by your towns local officials and that all NY state safety regulations are in place. If using an alternative location the Youth Bureau will ask for additional proof of these safety regulations before considering funding. More information can be found On the NY Health website: [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov).

If the Youth Bureau does decide to move forward with swim, reimbursement for the swim programs will be determined after all Intent to Participate forms have been returned. The number of towns/city providing swim programs and number of weeks each program is provided will determine the amount of funding each program is eligible to receive. **Therefore, failure to submit the Intent to Participate form along with an approved covid-19 safety plan by the location or facility by the May 31, 2021 deadline will prevent your program from receiving funding.**

To be eligible for reimbursement for a swim program:

- The program must be an instructional swim program and operate a minimum of 3 weeks.

**AND**

A Certified Water Safety Instructor (WSI) must be hired, conduct/supervise the swim instruction and be present during all swim lessons (Lifeguards may be used to assist with lessons). The WSI is responsible for evaluating the participant's achievements at the end of the program.

**( Please keep in mind WSI's and Lifeguards most likely were unable to renew their certification last year and will need to be recertified in order to run the program. I have provided the following website: [American Red Cross Covid-19 Guidance \(redcrosslearningcenter.org\)](https://www.redcrosslearningcenter.org) that has more information on current requirements. I am also working on getting more information on resources available to lifeguards and WSIs and I will provide everyone with an update once I have it. )**

**(Bob Robare is no longer running the swim program and has retired, therefore will not be able to train WSI's.)**

Reimbursement will occur following the conclusion of the swim program and after all Youth Bureau paperwork has been completed. The deadline for **ALL** paperwork including the claim is no later than **10/1/21**. Any program that has not submitted the required paperwork and claim by the deadline will forfeit funding.

The Town/City operating the program will need to enter into a contract with the Youth Bureau to receive funding.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.