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Community pool will remain closed for summer 2020

ST. CLAIR, MI, June 5, 2020. – It is with deep regret and after considerable review by the City Superintendent, Recreation Director, and Aquatics Director of 65 years we have made the determination that it is not feasible to open the St. Clair Community Pool this late in the summer season. We have come to this decision based on the health and safety of our residents and staff.

The review began after the sudden timing of Executive Order 2020-110. St. Clair, like many communities across the state has been rapidly trying to adjust to the unexpected decision to open pools. This change by the Governor has many communities searching for qualified lifeguards. The pool takes one week to clean and make operational. It then takes up to two weeks to stabilize the water for the County inspection. Even if we had adequate staffing, it would be at least three weeks before the pool could open.

The St. Clair pool normally advertises positions in March, hires staff in April, trains in May and opens in early June. With the uncertainty of many of the early Executive Orders the City in good conscience could not hire lifeguards in April for a pool that at that point did not appear would open. As a result, many of the potential lifeguards found other employment for the summer. This has left St. Clair without enough qualified lifeguards to open safely.

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