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SOMERSPLASH WATERPARK
COVID-19 REOPENING PROPOSAL

SomerSplash Waterpark

SomerSplash Waterpark is located in Somerset, KY. SomerSplash is a municipal waterpark that is owned and operated by the City of Somerset. It was originally opened in the summer of 2006 and has been operational every summer since then. Like many waterparks and amusement parks across Kentucky, SomerSplash is a seasonal facility that operates from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day. This allows for a very small window to operate yearly, and every day is essential to the operation. We typically operate approximately 80-90 days per year depending on weather, temperature, and when local schools return to session.

Our local community relies heavily on SomerSplash to provide them and their families with a safe, clean, and fun atmosphere where they are able to make memories that will last a lifetime. Also, they turn to us to provide various job opportunities during the summer months for both adults and young adults alike. During a typical season, SomerSplash will hire approximately 120-130 seasonal employees. The majority of those will be young adults ranging from high school to college age. SomerSplash provides them the opportunity to work enough hours over the summer months to help carry them financially through the following school year. This provides them with the opportunity to focus on school and any extracurricular activities in which they may participate in.

As important as SomerSplash is to those seeking and looking for summer employment opportunities, it is just as important to the local economy. Based on an economic impact study performed in 2017, it is estimated that SomerSplash contributes approximately \$2.75 million to the local economy in Pulaski County yearly (Sims, 2017). SomerSplash has become a staple in the hearts and minds of those that visit Somerset during the summer months, and this has helped to increase the local economy for many of the local businesses around Somerset.

We are submitting this proposal in hopes that we may be allowed to open by mid-June or the first of July. We have compiled a COVID-19 preparedness plan by taking into consideration guidelines and standards from various organizations within the industry which include the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions and the World Waterpark Association. We will also follow the recommendations set forth by the CDC and Team Kentucky's Healthy at Work guidelines. While we are making this proposal, we also know that the guidelines change quickly, and we plan to adjust to those guidelines as needed by following the recommendations of local, state, and federal officials. Once again, please except this proposal for SomerSplash Waterpark regarding COVID-19.

Proposal for Reopening of SomerSplash Waterpark

Face Coverings and Disposable Gloves

Our overall goal is to limit face-to-face interaction at all points of contact. However, we are aware that this is not always possible. Kentucky's "Healthy at Work" initiative will be used as a guideline for face coverings for both employees and patrons.

Face Coverings for Employees

- We will require our employees to wear face masks when social distancing is not possible or when around crowded areas.

Face Coverings for Patrons

- Patrons will be encouraged to utilize face masks while inside the park. We plan to purchase cloth masks that will be available for patrons to purchase within the gift shop.

PPE (including disposable gloves)

- PPEs will be provided to all employees that handle or may come in contact with items that others touch.

Barriers

- Plexiglass Barriers will be placed at all point-of-sale stations

Screening Protocols

Employee Screenings

To be in compliance with Kentucky's "Healthy at Work", temperature checks will be conducted on employees daily upon arrival to work. If an employee is found to have a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, they will not be allowed into the facility. The proper health officials will be notified, and they will be required to see a physician. The employee will not be allowed to return to work until they receive a physician's note stating it is safe for their return.

Also, employees will be asked to verbally answer the following questions with a "yes" or "no" to each of the following questions pertaining to COVID-19 symptoms.

1) Are you having any of the following symptoms?

- Coughing
- Temperature of 100.4 F or higher
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills

- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

2) Have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive or has shown symptoms of COVID- 19?

Patron Screenings

Patrons will be scanned upon entry into the waterpark for temperatures of 100.4 F. If an individual's temperature is found to be at or above 100.4 F they will not be allowed to enter the park.

Hand Washing, Sanitizing and Hygiene Protocol

- Signage will be posted regarding proper hand washing techniques throughout the park.
- All employees will be asked to regularly wash their hands throughout the day.
- Announcements will be made over the PA to remind patrons to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations will be added throughout the park at high trafficked areas and attractions to allow for adequate handwashing within the park.
- Patrons will be reminded to cover their mouth when they sneeze or cough.

Regular cleaning of high traffic areas (such as rides and restrooms) will be conducted throughout the day and at closing. This will include restroom stalls and sinks, handrails, tubes, and door handles as examples.

Signage and Communications

Signage will be posted throughout the park regarding how to stop the spread of COVID-19. The signage will include proper hand washing, promoting protective measures against the spread, and recommendations on using cloth face coverings, and social distancing. Also, announcements will be made throughout the day over the PA about how to stop the spread and to promote social distancing.

Social Distancing and Barriers

Social Distancing

To allow for social distancing within the park, SomerSplash plans to begin operating at 50 percent capacity once operations begin. This allows for a 36-square-foot of space per person which follows the recommended spacing of 6 feet per person. Then slowly increase the number of patron as it is safe to do so.

Signage will be posted around the park reminding patrons the importance of social distancing and to remind them to social distance. Also, announcements will be made routinely across the PA system regarding the importance of social distancing.

Social distancing markers will be placed on the ground located around rides and attractions and at point-of-sale lines at concession area, admission area, and merchandise area. Restrooms entrance will be split to have an entrance and an exit to help with social distancing. Signs will be posted in the restroom areas reminding of social distancing.

Barriers

- Plexiglass Barriers will be placed at all point-of-sales locations (admission, concession, and merchandise areas).

Designated Point of Contact

The designated point of contact for the waterpark will be Stephen Sims, EdD, ATC. He has been the general manager for SomerSplash Waterpark for over 13 years. He is certified by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure as a certified athletic trainer and by the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Board of Certification as a certified athletic trainer. He will have a team in place should he not be present at the facility that will handle any and all COVID-19 related issues.

Waterpark Operations

According to the CDC, there is no evidence that COVID-19 spreads through properly operated and treated pools. This is when the pool water is treated at a minimum of 1 ppm free chlorine and a pH between 7.2 and 7.8 as required by local and state health departments.

Social Distancing

- To allow for social distancing, seating will be limited to the number of patrons allowed into the park.
- Families and households will be permitted to sit with one another.
- Signs or markers will be placed at the entrance of each attraction and markers will be placed 6 feet apart in areas where patrons stand in line.
- Bathhouse entrance will be divided to designate an entrance and an exit to help with social distancing.
- Signs will be posted in the restroom areas reminding of social distancing.
- The number of tubes will be decreased and utilized only in or on attractions/rides where they must be used.

Sanitizing

- Staff will clean and sanitize areas and items that are frequently touched throughout the day and at closing with a disinfectant solution approved by the EPA or bleach solution approved by the CDC and the local/state health department.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at the entrance of each ride and attraction.
- Bathhouse and restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day and at closing by staff.

Water Quality

- Water quality testing will continue to be checked throughout the day to maintain proper chemical levels. Chemical levels will be based on current state requirements.

Food and Beverage Protocol

SomerSplash will be utilizing the version 1.0 of “Healthy at Work” *Requirement for Restaurants* that is effective May 22, 2020. Changes will be made as advised by local and state officials.

Admissions Protocol

Social Distancing

- Signage will be placed at the ticket windows and entrance to remind patrons of social distancing; and, if they have had any signs and symptoms, that they cannot enter.
- Markers will be placed 6 feet apart in areas where patrons wait for admission into the park.
- Staff will be required to use face masks if within 6 feet of other staff members or patrons.

Sanitizing

- Staff will clean and sanitize areas and items that are frequently touched throughout the day and at closing with a disinfectant solution approved by the EPA or bleach solution approved by the CDC and the local/state health department.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at the entrance into the park.

Barriers

- Plexiglass Barriers will be placed at all point-of-sales locations located in and around the concession areas.

Transactions

- Patrons will be encouraged to use credit cards or debit cards to decrease the possibility of transmitting COVID-19 by not using cash transactions.

Retail & Merchandise Protocol

Social Distancing

- The number of patrons will be limited inside the gift shop areas in order to maintain social distancing.
- Markers will be placed 6 feet apart at the cashier line in areas where patrons are waiting.
- Staff will be required to use face masks if within 6 feet of other staff members or patrons.

Sanitizing

- Staff will clean and sanitize areas and items that are frequently touched throughout the day and at closing with a disinfectant solution approved by the EPA or bleach solution approved by the CDC and the local/state health department.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at the entrance into the park.

Barriers

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