

Thunder and Lightning Closure Guidelines

The pool will close immediately in the following conditions concerning Thunder and Lightning:

Heavy Rain, Snow, or Winds arrive before or after the Thunder and Lightning and obstruct the view of the Lifeguard on Duty.

Thunder is heard and confirmed by two lifeguards. We operate under the National Weather Service's Thunder Advisory which is when thunder roars go indoors. Lightning distance does not play a role in this closure.

Lightning is within 7 miles of the JCC. Confirmed using the WeatherBug App.

Thunder is heard and Lightning is seen within a 10 sec period of each other.
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The JCC Aquatics Program uses the WeatherBug app to track and monitor storms around JCC. We have the app set to the W5APD weather station which is located less than 2 miles from the JCC and ensures the most accurate read for our location.

Once the pool has been closed for Thunder and/or Lightning the pool must remain closed for a full thirty minutes after the last strike of lightning is seen or the last roll of thunder is heard. Some closures may be short, others may be long, and others may be sporadic (i.e. we close, open, and then close again 5 minutes later.)

These rules are to ensure the safety of all swimmers and lifeguards. Lightning can strike from distances greater than ten miles away. Lightning strikes can cause death or serious bodily injury.

Winter Weather Pool Closure Guidelines

The pool will close in the following conditions to ensure the safety of swimmers and lifeguards:

The deck is a slip and fall risk; ice has formed over the deck in more spots than can be reasonably marked/ addressed by guards.
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The outside air temperature is below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The pool will reopen once the temperature is above 25 degrees.
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Winds at 20+mph with gust reaching 50+mph.
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Heavy rain, snow, fog, or steam from the pool obstruct the lifeguards' view of swimmers.
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If closed pool conditions will be assessed every half hour and the pool will open once the conditions have been determined to be safe for swimmers and lifeguards.