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### **MUSCATINE AQUATIC CENTER TO STAY CLOSED THIS SUMMER**

*Parks & Recreation continues to prioritize safety of patrons and staff in decision-making*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – To keep our community safe the Muscatine Aquatic Center will stay closed for the 2020 season according to the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department.

The potential for exposure to COVID-19 is high for both staff and patrons at the facility, which garners an average attendance of 40,000 people during the season. Even with the application of increased sanitizing methods and social distancing, the potential for exposure in lifesaving situations and in high-touch areas is real. In order to protect the safety of both patrons and staff, this decision has been made with the health of our community at the forefront.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to monitor developments from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Governor of Iowa to safeguard our community and staff members. Innovative programming and activities will continue to be explored in order to prioritize the health and well-being of our community.

The Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department is continuing to explore programs and activity opportunities for the citizens of Muscatine.