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SC JOHNSON COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTER WILL NOT OPEN IN 2020

Racine – In light of current public health guidelines and orders, and after extensive planning discussions between Racine County and the Racine Family YMCA and consultation with health officials, the SC Johnson Community Aquatic Center will not open in 2020 amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

While swimming and beaches are generally considered lower risk for COVID-19 spread, officials determined that protocols to accommodate an opening of the facility were insufficient to address the significant health risks given larger crowds and confined spaces.

"While we're disappointed the aquatic center won't open this year, this decision was necessary to protect public health as the coronavirus outbreak continues to impact Racine County and the City of Racine," Racine County and Racine Family YMCA officials said in a statement.

Passers-by may notice work being performed on the pool in the coming days. Racine County and the Racine Family YMCA are following recommendations to have the pool cleaned, which allows the pool infrastructure to be protected for future seasons. Racine County and the Racine Family YMCA continue to remind the public to practice social distancing, good hygiene, and proper swimming and water safety skills.

About the SC Johnson Community Aquatic Center at Pritchard Park

The SC Johnson Community Aquatic Center was opened in the summer of 2018 to provide a fun and safe recreation area for Racine County residents. Featuring 15,000 square feet of water surface and a 4,800 square foot pool building with changing rooms, the facility is also available for birthday parties and group rentals. The Racine Family YMCA has operated the Aquatic Center at the Racine County-owned Pritchard Park (2800 Ohio Street, Racine, WI 53403) since its 2018 opening.

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