

Leisure centres to start reopening next month

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Following recent confirmation from Government that leisure facilities can reopen, we intend to make a phased return of some of our services in Wiltshire from next month.

From 3 August, Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Salisbury and Springfield Community Campus, Corsham, will open their doors to the public for the first time since 20 March, with customers able to initially access the fitness suite, swimming pool and group exercise classes.

Then, from 10 August, the council plans to reopen Nadder Centre, Tisbury; The Vale Community Campus, Pewsey; and Devizes Leisure Centre. Marlborough Leisure Centre will follow later in August or early September.

On 10 August, a number of the sites managed on behalf of the council by Places Leisure will reopen, including The Olympiad, Chippenham; The Activity Zone, Malmesbury; Castle Place Leisure Centre, Trowbridge; Melksham Blue Pool and Warminster Sports Centre.

In September, Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett; Bradford on Avon Swimming Pool; Westbury Swimming Pool; and Leighton Recreation Centre, Westbury will reopen.

To manage the number of people at each centre at any given time, customers must book in advance, and follow social distancing and increased hygiene measures.

The opening schedule has been devised to ensure that both ourselves and Places Leisure can manage resources effectively during the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping customers and staff as safe as possible at each centre – this means not all leisure centres will initially reopen. These arrangements will be regularly reviewed.

Facilities such as cafes and creches will remain closed at this stage, and due to the restrictions on group swimming it is not possible to continue with under 16s free swimming at present.

Calne Leisure Centre will reopen later this autumn, when its development work is complete. Repair works are continuing at Trowbridge Sports Centre, with work set to be complete before the end of the year. Amesbury Sports Centre and Durrington Swimming and Fitness Centre will remain closed for the time being. The council is working with the MOD on the reopening of Tidworth Leisure Centre at a later date.

We will be communicating with leisure members directly and have tried to be as flexible as possible to allow them to come back to the centres when they feel ready.

More information can also be found on the [Individual Cabinet Member Delegated Decision](#).

This decision is subject to the usual five-day call-in period and final confirmation will be sent to leisure centre members after this time.