

SAFE IN THE SURF

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COVID-19 Operation Prevention Plan

Prepared with: Perrotta Consulting

PATH TO REOPENING

The COVID-19 Global Pandemic has caused disastrous public health and economic effects throughout the United States and the world. Skudin Surf is one of the few organizations that has successfully operated and adapted since the onset of the pandemic. Skudin Surf has operated out of several different locations in New York City and Long Island all summer without any instances of staff or clients becoming infected with COVID-19. Skudin Surf at American Dream will be able to operate in compliance with New Jersey executive orders and provide the highest standard of health and safety to our staff and clients because:

- » Surfing involves social distancing as a safety necessity.
- » Social distancing signage will be placed outside of the water and social distance guidance will be strictly adhered to at all times.
- » Daily health screenings and temperature checks of all staff members and clients will be mandated.
- » Advanced reservations for surfing times will be mandated.
- » All high contact surface will undergo frequent and logged disinfection procedures.
- » Maximum occupancy will never exceed 25%.
- » Masks will be required at all times while surfers and staff are outside of the water.
- » Hand sanitizing stations will be easily accessible for individuals outside of the water.
- » Staff will be fully trained in safe COVID-19 operating procedures.
- » Group reservations will be limited to no more than 20.

The State of New Jersey has outlined guidance for operating indoor pool facilities and aquatic recreation facilities and this guidance will be adhered to at all times. The safe operations of Skudin Surf at American Dream is dependent not only on this written operating plan, but also on the commitment of the Skudin Surf staff to our new policies and procedures, which have a proven and effective track record. Our staff will be trained in effective implementation of this plan and all relevant information will be conveyed to our clients via email prior to entering Skudin Surf at American Dream. The successful operation of Skudin Surf at American Dream will be dependent on our united commitment to safety as well as individual responsibility on behalf of every staff member and client. Together with our partners at American Dream and Perrotta Consulting we will create a controlled environment that is safer than any other indoor venue that has already been permitted to reopen.



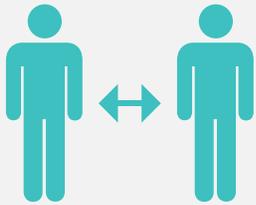


**Skudin Surf COVID
standards endorsed by the
National Surf Schools and
Instructors Association**

***The safety of our participants
and staff continues to remain
a top priority for all our
summer surf programs.***

IMPLEMENTED CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

We ensure that our environment is safe and sanitary. Small groups CDC recommended guidelines of 10 people, “Pods” for contact tracing.



***Social
Distancing***



***Face Coverings
When Needed***



***Disinfectant
Spray***



***Temperature
Checks***



***Hand Sanitizer
Stations***



- ***COVID-19 Participant Self-Declaration Questionnaire***
- ***COVID-19 Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability***

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There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water.

www.CDC.gov

SAFE IN THE SURF

The American Dream environment has all the essential elements...

to boost our happiness and immune systems.

fresh circulating air, open space, sun, and chlorinated water.



COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN

Staffing and Facility Operations:

- » Staff will be trained and certified in accordance with all applicable rules and certification requirements by Perrotta Consulting.
 - This includes training on mitigation and safeguards, including social distancing protocols for interacting with patrons, hygiene, disinfection and other COVID preventative measures.
 - Pre-opening trainings will ensure that employees are informed of new protocols, both for their work and personal health.
- » All staff COVID awareness training and risk reduction strategies will be documented.
- » Additional staff will also be hired as necessary in order to ensure proper disinfection and enforce social distance requirements. At a minimum, staff will include trained:
 - Lifeguards and Pool Director
 - An ambassador appointed to monitor and encourage social distancing and ensure that equipment is cleaned and disinfected after each use.
 - A COVID contact person.
- » Staff will be required to wear appropriate PPE, including a mask, at all times.
 - Unless the individual is in the water or is on designated break eating or drinking.
- » As with patrons, staff will be advised to stay home if feeling ill, exposed to COVID-19, or diagnosed with a conformed case of COVID.
- » Staff will be required to wash and/or sanitize their hands prior to each shift and will be provided adequate break time throughout the workday in order to wash and/or sanitize their hands throughout the day.
- » Staff will, to the greatest extent possible, avoid physically assisting/lifting guests, unless doing so is imperative for emergency purposes. Six feet of distance will also be maintained while in the water, unless the individual needs assistance in order to swim.
- » Non-essential common areas used by staff will be closed.
- » Staff will not share equipment.
 - If equipment must be shared, employees will be required to wash or sanitize their hands before and after using that equipment.
 - The high-touch surfaces on the equipment will be sanitized frequently.
- » A schedule will be created to stagger start times and break schedules in order to reduce large gatherings.

- » **Messaging regarding any updated to COVID-19 protocols at Skudin Surf at American Dream will be communicated to staff members.**
 - Note: This information will also be available to patrons and will be communicated through social media accounts, emails, and/or on the facility's website.
- » **A reservation system will be implemented in order to avoid lines forming.**
 - This will allow the facility to utilize cashless or contactless payment methods.
- » **Skudin Surf at American Dream will be limited to 25% occupancy.**
- » **Staff and patrons will be required to wear a face covering at all times, except when in the water, eating, or drinking.**
- » **A "guest flow" plan will be established.**
 - This includes managing any lines that form and making walkways and stairways one-way, or clearly divided for bi-directional travel.
 - Signage indicating appropriate directional signs/markers will be used.
 - High-traffic intersections will also be managed to maximize social distance.
- » **Entry and exits points to the facility will be designated.**
 - These points are separate from the general mall entrance.
- » **Signage will be posted at the entry points indicating that patrons should be alert for the symptoms of COVID and advise them to stay home when these symptoms are present. Signage will also be posted indicating that:**
 - Face coverings are mandated.
 - Face coverings should not be worn in the water as it increases the risk of drowning.
 - Individuals should practice social distancing and avoid large gatherings.
 - Individuals should not touch their face with unwashed hands, hands should be washed frequently with soap and water, and hand sanitizer should be used if soap and water are not available.
- » **Social distancing will be enforced throughout the facility.**
 - Signs and floor decals or ground markings will be used.
 - Audio announcements will also be made throughout the facility reminding patrons to maintain a social distance from one another.
 - Any areas of Skudin Surf at American Dream that are not able to be used while maintaining a social distance will be temporarily closed.
- » **Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the facility for staff and patrons.**
 - High-touch areas will be sanitized frequently, and a schedule will be made for staff members to do so / This includes lockers.
- » **Where six feet of distance cannot be maintained for a prolonged period of time (10 minutes or more), physical barriers will be added.**
 - These barriers will also be installed at ticket windows and point of sale stations.
 - If possible, only one person will be at each point of sale station.

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Admittance to the Facility and Screening:

- » Skudin Surf at American Dream will be limited to 25% occupancy and will not accept any group reservations for larger than 20 individuals.
- » A sign in sheet will be maintained for all staff and patrons to facilitate potential contact tracing efforts.
- » All individuals, both patrons and staff members, will have to be properly screened before entering the facility. This screening process will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - Taking the temperatures of all individuals with a forehead thermometer.
 - Individuals who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or above, or other signs of COVID-19 illness, will not be admitted.
 - Ensuring that all individuals are wearing an appropriate mask when entering the facility.
 - Implementing a health screening assessment asking employees and patrons about:
 - COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days
 - Positive COVID-19 diagnostic test in the past 14 days and/or
 - Close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days.

Infection Control Strategies:

- » Skudin Surf at American Dream will be limited to 25% occupancy and will not accept any group reservations
Face to face interactions between staff and surfers will be limited
 - All purchases and reservations will be made in advance online so that entry times between surfers and clients is staggered.
- » Face coverings will be required at any time when staff and surfers are outside of the water.
 - Face covering must be removed while in the water for the safety of the individual. This follows CDC recommendations.
- » Social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to at all times.
 - Social distancing protocols may be broken in the water should the safety of the core activity require it.
 - Surfing inherently requires social distancing as a safety protocol.
 - Signage around the facility will remind staff and surfers to social distance.
- » Facility decontamination and hygiene.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be found in accessible locations and near high contact surfaces around Skudin Surf American Dream.
 - High contact surfaces will undergo frequent and logged disinfection throughout the day.
 - Bathrooms and locker rooms will have limited and controlled access with the occupancy limited to one group at a time.
 - They will undergo cleaning and disinfection a minimum of four times a day and masks will be required while inside.
- » Rental equipment will be entirely disinfected in between usage and surfers will be told to bring their own towels.

Emergency Action Plan:

- » A COVID-19 Isolation Area will be designated under a tent directly outside of Skudin Surf American Dream.
 - This area will be utilized in the event that any surfer or staff member becomes ill or injured.
 - In the event that this area is utilized, it will be monitored by a medically trained staff member.
- » In the event of a staff member or surfer experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, we will notify appropriate communicable disease investigators and follow all appropriate guidance for reporting illness.
 - Each employee and surfer's entry and exit times will be monitored and recorded in order to assist with contact tracing.
- » Anyone displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be directed to the isolation area and directed to their health care provider for consultation.
 - Any area that this person was in contact with will be entirely disinfected immediately and the venue will close for the remainder of the day.
 - If trouble breathing, persistent chest pain, confusion, bluish lips, we will contact 911 and tell them we believe the person has COVID-19.

Diagnosed Offsite:

- » Surfers and staff must be asked to notify the main office if they have been diagnosed or believe to have COVID-19 and will not be permitted back onsite for 10 days after symptoms subside and the last 24 hours displaying no symptoms (CDC, 2020).
- » Contact tracing will be performed to identify staff and surfers who may have been in close proximity.
 - Positive diagnosed surfer or staff will be questioned who they were in contact with.
 - These individuals will be notified by phone and told to watch for symptoms and recommended to isolate themselves for 14 days.
- » All of this will be coordinated through the local health department and in coordination with our private consulting firm.

Individual and Evolving Approach:

COVID-19 cannot be controlled or mitigated purely by written documents, procedures or technologies, it requires an individual effort on behalf of every surfer and staff member at Skudin Surf American Dream. Most importantly for safe operations this summer, individuals must notify management if they are not feeling well and stay home if they suspect illness.

Surfers: will be asked to stay home if they do not feel well and have all of our COVID-19 policies and procedures communicated to them prior to entering the facility. Anyone not respecting our new policies will be immediately asked to leave.

Staff: will be trained and certified by Perrotta Consulting in COVID-19 operating procedures. All staff will be asked to stay home if they do not feel well and there will be a zero tolerance for breaking our new protocols.

Structuring and Training:

Overview: A COVID-19 Manager positions has been created as an added responsibility of an existing staff member to oversee the successful implementation of this operating plan. Staff has been trained in COVID-19 and developed cleaning procedures to be followed. A threat mitigation and emergency management company is kept on call to continue advising as changes in pandemic conditions and government guidelines continue into the future. Accountability and communication between staff already exists and this same structure will be used to combat COVID-19. Standards will be reevaluated on at the highest standard possible and meeting our new public health obligation.

SURFING THERAPY

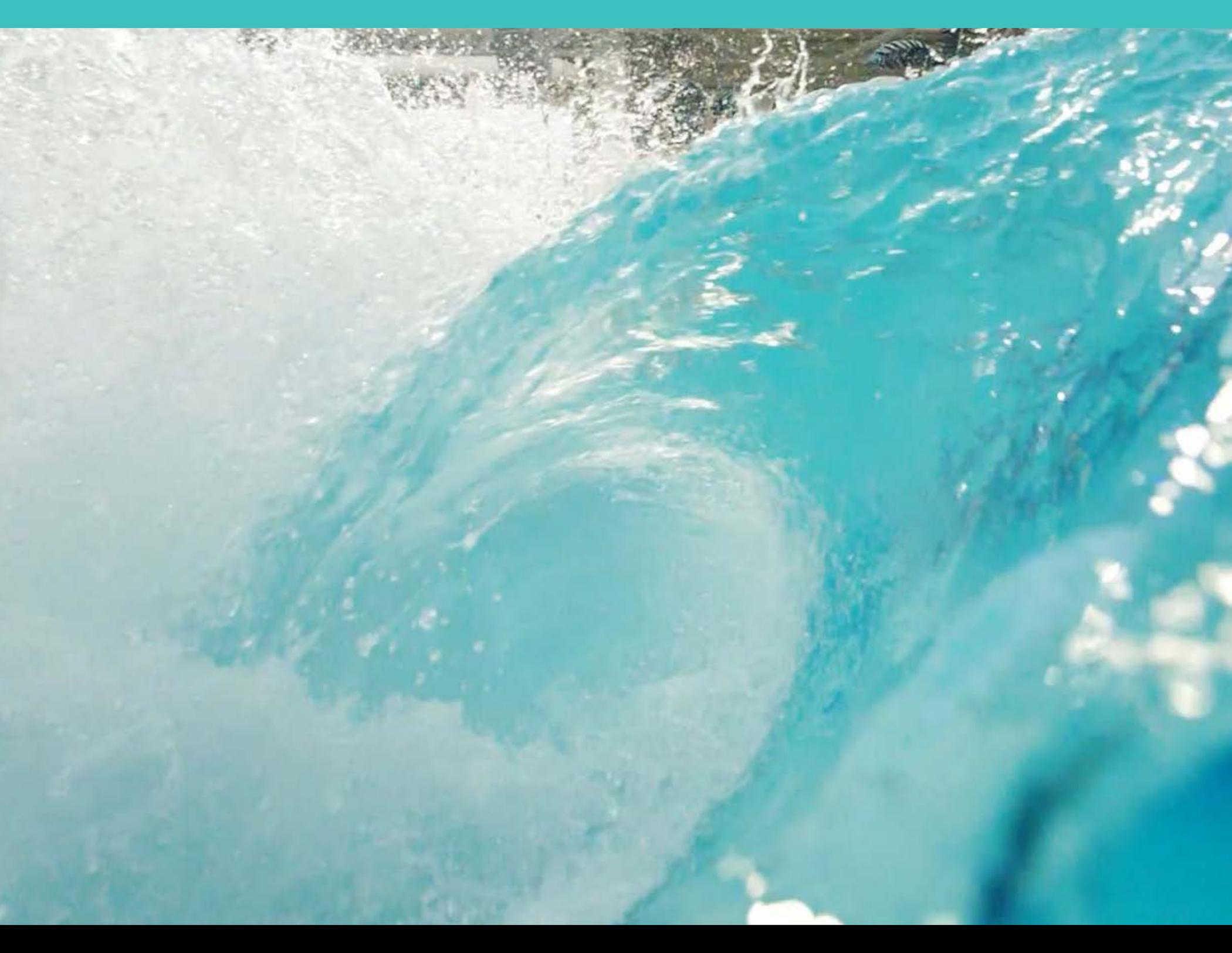
A holistic form of therapy that promotes mental, psychological and spiritual well being.

Is effective in treating PTSD, anxiety, depression, and many other forms of mental health.

Reference: World Health Organization, Healthy Living.



Surf For All is our non-profit charity based in New York, dedicated to helping people with disabilities in the ocean to assist them in maximizing their potential in surfing. We believe the ocean is a source of healing and spiritual strength that should be accessible to all.



SAFETY GUIDELINES

Procedures and Actions:

- » **Implement all CDC Guidelines**
- » **Coach to student maintain social distancing and wear face coverings before and after entering the pool**
- » **Arrive early enough to review guidelines with the lifeguards and coaches**
- » **A participant list, disclaimers and contact phone numbers need to be recorded at the start of the session**
- » **Allocate appropriate surfboard to each participant and will be sanitized before and after surfing**
- » **Each participant will be given wrist band to wear during the session**
- » **Ensure there is a first aid kit, a whistle, a mobile phone and that EAP is set**
- » **Each lesson should include a surf safety talk that covers the wave settings and possible hazards**
- » **Goals of the session need to be clearly stated before entering the water**
- » **Ensure enough distance separates each group during transitions**





- » Structure group so there is constant vision of every participant
- » Instruct participants to follow the philosophy of one person per wave during advanced settings, if whitewater waves multiple surfers on one wave 6 feet apart going straight.
- » Direct participants to allow a safe distance between each other to avoid collisions
- » Participants need to be positioned to enable them to view the demonstration with social distance
- » Teaching methodology: explanation – demonstration – participation – feedback
- » Use cues to emphasize important parts of the skill
- » At the completion of the session regroup, check numbers, review and dismiss the group as one as all adhere to social distancing
- » Any accidents, even minor ones must be reported immediately to the head coach / lifeguard and recorded on a accident report

DUTY OF CARE

The coach/instructors have a legal and moral responsibility (Duty of Care) to ensure the safety and well being of the surfer in their care. To facilitate an effective, enjoyable learning experience for the beginner surfer, safety must be the first consideration.



Refers to the legal obligations and responsibilities of the coach:

- » To ensure the safety of the surfers in your care the coach needs to understand the current legislation and put in place strategies and procedures to identify and minimize risks
- » Plan activities to suit the needs of the individual surfers
- » Clear written rules for activities and general conduct
- » A safe environment for all participants
- » Assess surfers capabilities

Warn surfers of the inherent risks of the sport:

- » Evaluate surfers for injury, medical conditions, level of experience and disabilities - e.g. deafness
- » Develop management strategies before participant enters the water
- » Supervise activities closely at all times
- » Ensure you are up to date and competent in first-aid, rescue and resuscitation techniques
- » Provide safe and appropriate equipment
- » Keep adequate records (registration forms, accident report forms, lesson plans)

CONCLUSION & SUMMARY

Our Priority Areas

1. Surfer & staff safety /
2. Communication /
3. Organization /
4. Maintaining social distance
5. Following CDC & New Jersey guidelines /
6. Frequent decontamination of high contact surfaces
7. Continued training & reevaluation /
8. Daily screening procedures
9. Emergency action plan & isolation location /
10. Signage.



The safety of all participants and staff continues to remain the top priority of Skudin Surf at American Dream. Skudin Surf has taken every possible measure to provide the safest possible environment for staff and surfers. We benefit from the studies and information from the CDC indicating that there is zero evidence of COVID-19 transmission in water and having a large well ventilated open area to operate in. Surfing is an inherently low risk activity for COVID-19 and one of the only safe opportunities right now for anyone, and especially the most vulnerable individuals. Skudin Surf American Dream has implemented procedural and physical changes to meet the new public health obligation, and is prioritizing the safety of employees and customers above anything else. This plan was developed based on CDC guidelines, guidance issued by the State of New Jersey and modeled based on Department of Homeland Security emergency management structures.

Surfing is also an effective treatment for PTSD, anxiety, depression, and many other forms of mental health and we would be failing individuals suffering from these afflictions by not opening when we can do so safely. The wave pool is uniquely different than the waterpark venue itself which cannot be easily controlled or restricted. The wave pool has far less high contact surfaces and we can limit group sizes and occupancy well below our 25% threshold. Many indoor venues such as schools and gyms will be permitted to reopen in New Jersey after developing safe operating plans and meeting state guidelines. Not only have we done this, but we have an existing record of success. Skudin Surf has months of successful and safe experience operating with COVID-19 protocols and we can provide a safe and controlled environment for all participants. We will continue adapting and evolving to meet the public health and safety demands we now face and never become complacent in our mission to provide the safest possible surfing experience.

QUALIFICATIONS

Certifications: All current and updated annually

Accreditations

- » International Surfing Association Level one accreditation (ISA)
- » National Surf School and Instructor Association (NSSIA)



Certifications Required

- » Lifeguard
- » CPR / First Aid / AED for professional rescuer
- » Child related employment clearances and background checks
- » (EMT) NYS - Emergency Medical Technician
- » College Diploma (BS)(BA)
- » Masters Degree (MS)
- » (B-W-R-A-G) Big Wave Risk Assessment Group certification
- » WSI - Water Safety Instructor
- » WSI - Water Safety Instructor
- Regional Course Presenter
- » ISA - International Surfing Association Regional Course Presenter
- » Instructor presenter of Red Cross
- Lifeguard / CPR / First Aid / AED

Insurances required

- » General Liability 1,000,000
- » Excess Liability 5,000,000
- » NYS disability
- » NYS Workmans Comp

Related Experience

- » Operated an accredited surf school, open-water safety instruction program for 3 generations

Community Requirements:

- » Surf for All Corp.
- » Education and community involvement
- » Persons with special needs
- » Community service

ABOUT SKUDIN SURF

The Skudin family has been teaching surfing for over 30 years and excited to extend their knowledge to the American Dream Indoor Wave Pool. Parents Dave and Beth Skudin surfed together as children in the 60's with Beth's dad Dick Bolton. They continued Beth's fathers tradition and shared their love of the sport with their four boys. The family comes from a heritage of lifeguards, swimmers, and surfing champions. Dave and Beth raised their children in some of the most famous surf spots in the country, and have lived in Hawaii, the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and Long Beach, New York.

Today, two of the Skudin sons – Cliff and Will – continue their families' tradition of teaching others the joy of surfing.



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