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Arts, Parks and Recreation Department COVID 19 Update: Athens City Pool to remain closed.

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Athens, Ohio – Arts, Parks and Recreation Department

The City of Athens Arts, Parks & Recreation Department announces the Athens City Pool will not open this summer. This decision is supported by the Athens City-County Health Department, the City Auditor, the City Administrators and the Advisory Board. This was an extremely difficult decision to make.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to not open the pool this year based on the significant challenges and stringent guidelines that would need to be followed to operate the pool to keep our residents and our staff safe. Managing the pool within the COVID 19 guidelines established by the CDC is still considered a high risk and therefore not in the best interest of our community.

Furthermore, it would not be fiscally responsible given the projected revenue loss – the result of a 50% reduction in capacity, cancelled programs and concessions. The physical distancing requirements would apply to the water and pool deck, with all other amenities and services – splash pad, slides, showers, chairs and tables closed.

The inability to secure products and equipment needed to sanitize and modify the facility was also a factor.

Our top priority is to the health and safety of our patrons and staff.