

LCSD's heated swimming pools open in winter

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will provide heated swimming facilities in 26 swimming pools under its management throughout the territory for public use during winter (i.e. November 2021 to March 2022) to enable more people to continue to exercise. The department calls on swimmers to keep public swimming pools clean and hygienic and mind their safety while swimming.

The list of swimming pools providing heated swimming facilities during winter can be found in the attachment. Of them, individual swimming pools will be temporarily closed during certain periods in winter for maintenance works. Details are as follows:

Swimming pool	Period of temporary closure
Wan Chai Swimming Pool	December 1, 2021 to January 20, 2022
Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	December 15, 2021 to April 15, 2022
Victoria Park Swimming Pool	February 12 to April 13, 2022
Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	February 24 to April 15, 2022

In addition, Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool without heated swimming facilities will be open daily from 6.30am to noon from November 1 to 30, 2021, while Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool, which is being used as Community Vaccination Centre, would remain temporarily closed until further notice.

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the special measures currently adopted at the LCSD's public swimming pools will continue, which include:

- Temporarily limiting the number of users in swimming pools suitably to maintain distance among swimmers;
- Distributing numbered tickets to people lining up when the numbers of users in swimming pools have reached the temporary maximum pool capacity, and reminding them to take note of the numbers shown on the queuing board in order to avoid people gathering; and
- Arranging body temperature screening for all people before entering swimming pools. Those with symptoms such as fever or respiratory illness will not be allowed to enter the swimming pools.

The public are also reminded to wear masks at all times within swimming pools except when they are swimming, drinking if reasonably necessary, having a shower, walking from a changing room to a pool or vice versa, walking from

a pool to another pool, or doing warm-up exercises with a distance of at least 1.5m from others.

For details of the opening arrangements and the schedule of the weekly cleaning operations of the public swimming pools, please visit the following websites: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/beach/swim-intro/swim-location-hk.html (for swimming pools in Hong Kong Island and Kowloon) and www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/beach/swim-intro/swim-location-nt.html (for swimming pools in the New Territories).