

## Thunderstorm Policy

The Primex Insurance, American Red Cross and National Lightning Safety Institute along with the City of Portsmouth's Building and Electrical Inspectors, recommends the Portsmouth Indoor Pool uses a proactive action of removing swimmers from indoor pools as a lightning storm approaches and until after it passes.

The American Red Cross states "due to potential safety, ethical, and legal reasons, it is best to follow the conservative option of removing bathers from all aquatic facilities (regardless of whether they are outdoors or indoors) during thunderstorms." (From ACFASP Advisory: Lightning Safety for Outdoor and Indoor Pools)

Therefore, the Portsmouth Indoor pool will clear the pool and pool deck during a thunderstorm.

- When lightning is within 10 miles, the Portsmouth Indoor pool will suspend all activity.
- Lifeguards will blow a whistle.
- Clear the pool and pool deck.
- The pool will re-open 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or lightning.

### **Swim Lessons, Fitness Class, Daily Fee, GBM, Tri-Group and Programs**

If someone is participating in a pool run program and a fee has been collected, they will receive a credit on their account for the amount of the day's activity.

### **Rentals**

Rentals will not be charged for the time they are out of the water.