Mercer County Community College is committed to providing a clean and safe swim experience for everyone. Please read and heed the rules below.

- We are obligated to enforce by the NJ State Sanitary Code which requires swimmers to shower before entering the pool. Please help us maintain a healthy pool environment for everyone.

- Access to the pool is through the men’s or women’s locker rooms only (even if your child arrives late to class). Parents are not permitted on the pool deck during swim lessons but should remain in the balcony in case their child needs to use the bathroom, in an event of emergency, or if the pool must be closed for any reason. Pre-School swim only: Help us maintain a consistent air temperature for your children by entering and exiting through the locker rooms. Parents with infants in strollers may use the side door, but strollers must be kept in their designated sections.

- Everyone, including observers, should also remove their street shoes when entering the pool area and change to appropriate footwear (flip-flops, sandals, etc.). The balcony door must remain closed once class begins to keep the temperature in the pool area consistent.

- Swimmers should arrive with a bathing suit under their clothing and shower before entering the pool. We understand that it is not always possible to have a parent of the same gender accompany a child to the swim lesson. Parents of opposite gender children should use the handicapped bathrooms to change (Moms in the Women’s, Dads in the Men’s). Under no circumstances should children be changed in the main lobby of the physical education building or the pool deck. Please note: Parents with same gender children must use the appropriate Men’s or Women’s locker rooms to change.

- Remind children of the safety rules before entering: NO Running and NO Diving in the shallow end.

- Encourage your children to use the bathroom before they enter the pool area. Once class begins, if a child needs to use the bathroom during swim lessons, the parent should escort the child.

- Swimmers with long hair should have it tied back or wear a bathing cap.

- No food or drink in the pool area. Gum and candy are choking hazards and are not permitted. Use a trash can near the pool to discard any items. No jewelry, please. Lost in the filter, it’s impossible to retrieve.

- Children with coughs, fever, nasal discharge, or open wounds are not permitted in the pool.

- Swim levels for the Saturday Swim Program are assigned based on American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Guidelines. Please respect all students and instructors, and abide by your child’s assigned level and scheduled swim class. The decision of the swim coordinator on levels is final.

- There is no makeup for absence and late arrivals. Children may not participate in a class for which they are not scheduled.

- Please treat fellow students and parents with respect and courtesy. Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated, and will result in permanent removal from class.