



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

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PHASED REOPENING OF CITY POOLS MAKING A SIGNIFICANT SPLASH

The city continues to make significant progress in reopening municipal swimming pools, increasing the number of operational facilities from 13 to 20 across all regions.

Member of the Mayoral Committee for Community Development, Councillor Thapelo Amad says, "With most major hurdles substantially resolved, the City's focus has shifted towards maximising operational capacity, sustaining uninterrupted operations, maintaining safety standards and ensuring reliable service delivery ahead of the peak swimming season in November and December".

As from Wednesday 13 October 2026, the below mentioned swimming pools opened to the public with qualified lifeguards on standby including cashiers:

	Region	Swimming Pool	Status 13 October
1	Region A	Rabie Ridge	open
2	Region B	Linden	open
3	Region B	Verity Park	open
4	Region B	Roosevelt Park	open
5	Region B	Blairgowrie	open
6	Region C	Florida Lake	open
7	Region C	Davidsonville	open
8	Region D	Jabulani- New Pool	open
9	Region D	Orlando	open
10	Region D	Pimville	open
11	Region D	Meadowlands	open
12	Region D	Noordgesig	open
13	Region E	Zoo Lake	open
14	Region E	Paterson Park	open
15	Region F	Pioneer Park	open
16	Region F	Rhodes Park	open
17	Region G	Lenasia South	open

18	Region G	Eldorado Park Extension 4	open
19	Region D	Eldorado Park Ext 9	open
20	Region G	Lenasia Extension 2- Greyville	open

“Our phased in approach of reopening swimming pools is working and we anticipate opening 13 additional swimming pools by Monday 19 October 26 bringing the total to 33” says MMC Amad.

A bulk delivery of over 150, 25 kilogram units of HTH swimming pool chemicals on 13 October 26 and the scheduled completion of hiring the remaining (number 20) seasonal lifeguards by Friday, 16 October 26 including continued progress with repairs and maintenance have significantly accelerated operational readiness of the following pools. 140 lifeguards have and 40 cashiers already been deployed.

Below is the scheduled Swimming pool openings for mid-October.

Scheduled Swimming Pool Openings: 14–18 October 2026			
1	Region D	Dobsonville Swimming Pool	
2	Region D	Jabavu Swimming Pool	
3	Region D	Diepkloof	
4	Region D	Power Park	
5	Region D	Senaone	
6	Region E	Sydenham	
7	Region E	East Bank	
8	Region F	Turffontein	
9	Region F	Forest Hill	
10	Region F	Crown Gardens	
11	Region F	Yeoville	
12	Region F	Malvern	
13	Region G	Lenasia Extension 10	

Despite significant progress in reopening swimming pools, there are outstanding challenges and risks according to MMC Amad that affect the operational readiness and sustainability of certain facilities:

- Coronationville (Region B): Pool opened but had to close due to an electrical supply issue which is being addressed.
- Roodepoort (Region C): The substation serving the pool is faulty.
- Florida North (Region C): A burned-out circuit breaker and related electrical cable theft has delayed the opening.
- Ivory Park Swimming Pool (Region A): This newly completed facility has achieved functional readiness but remains closed due to community-related challenges, including employment demands and associated security concerns. These matters, which also involve broader stakeholder considerations, are being addressed to enable the facility to achieve full operational readiness and open safely to the public.

Drieziek Swimming Pool (Region G): A newly completed facility expected to open once the outstanding snag-list items have been completed.

Ongoing electricity supply interruptions and water-related challenges in some areas continue to affect pool preparation and reopening. These remain operational risks, with affected facilities dependent on the relevant City entities for resolution.

Twenty-six pools across Regions A to G are currently undergoing repairs and maintenance with contractors on site with a fair number nearing completion.

MMC Amad says, "Aquatics will continue monitoring facility readiness, and facilitating further swimming pool openings. We will continue engagements with community stakeholders to urgently resolve employment, vandalism and security problems".

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