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First Session of Youth Swim Lessons Underway at Sandusky Aquatic Center

Sandusky, OH, June 15, 2026 – The Erie County Health Department (ECHD) is pleased to announce that the summer's first session of youth swimming lessons is officially underway at the Sandusky Aquatic Center (SAC). The inaugural class consists of 10 eager young swimmers learning essential water safety and stroke techniques.

The program is led by certified swim instructor Eliot Dyer, who also serves the community as a Public Health Educator for the Erie County Health Department. Under Dyer's professional guidance, the lessons combine critical drowning-prevention skills with confidence-building water exercises.

To ensure high-quality, focused instruction, sessions are kept affordable at just \$25 per child, aligning with the health department's mission to make preventative wellness and safety programs accessible to all area families.

"We are absolutely thrilled to welcome our first 10 young swimmers into the pool for this initial session," said Michael Carr, who oversees the Sandusky Aquatic Center for the Erie County Health Department. "Water safety isn't just a recreational skill in Sandusky. Living right here on the lake, it is a fundamental public health necessity. Eliot Dyer's unique combination of public health expertise and certified swim instruction ensures our students are receiving top-tier training. This session is just the beginning of what we have planned for the community this summer."

Due to high interest, the Sandusky Aquatic Center is already planning subsequent programming. Additional rounds of children's and parent-and-child swim lessons will be announced soon, alongside highly anticipated adult swim lessons scheduled for later this summer.

Parents and community members can view the full pool schedule, monitor upcoming registration openings, and browse other aquatic activities by visiting the official online portal at <https://swimsandusky.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

For more information about the Sandusky Aquatic Center, pool rules, or other programming like lap swim and water exercise, please visit <https://eriecohealthohio.com/sandusky-aquatic-center/>.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department's mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County while preventing disease through essential public health services. The Erie County Community Health Center is part of the Erie County Health Department and operates eight convenient locations across Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties, ensuring accessible primary care, dental, and behavioral health services throughout the region.

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