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James Island Recreation Complex to Temporarily Close as COVID-19 Precaution

Charleston, S.C.—On Thursday, June 25, 2020, the city of Charleston Recreation Department was notified of two employees at the James Island Recreation Complex (JIRC) who had tested positive for COVID-19. These employees have not been in the workplace since Friday of last week, but as a precaution, the JIRC has closed and will remain closed for the remainder of the week to allow for thorough disinfecting.

Due to this closure, all summer day camps, swimming pool sessions and gymnastics lessons at JIRC are canceled through the weekend. Operations are expected to resume on Monday, June 29, 2020.

The affected employees have self-quarantined, and the city is in the process of conducting a thorough contact tracing effort to determine if additional employees will require testing before being allowed to return to work.

The city of Charleston's other pools and summer day camps are not affected by this temporary closure and will continue to operate normally.

City of Charleston Recreation Director Laurie Yarborough said, "As always, the safety and wellbeing of those who use our recreation facilities is our number one priority. We will continue to implement all DHEC and CDC guidelines on proper cleaning protocols and preventative measures to protect our patrons and staff members at recreation sites citywide."

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