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UH Campus Recreation and Wellness Center Aquatic Facilities will undergo major renovations Spring 2015

The University of Houston Campus Recreation and Wellness Center Natatorium and Leisure Pool will undergo a major renovation beginning December 19, 2014. This planned closure will address many of the ongoing mechanical issues, including the two currently non-operational spas.

The project will include sustainable features such as regenerative media filters in the competition pool that will allow the facility to host large scale competitions. This project will also use ultra-violet (UV) light technology on all bodies of water to help eliminate harmful chloramines, as well as protect swimmers against the chlorine resistant organism, cryptosporidium. This recreational water illness, better known as “Crypto,” increased swimming pool-related intestinal illnesses by over 200 percent in a four-year period. The addition of UV technology will further enhance water quality in all bodies of water.

The renovation will include three new moveable bulkheads in the competition pool. These will create opportunities for increased Campus Recreation programming, such as stand-up paddleboard yoga classes, intramural sports, recreational activities, and water polo. This enhancement will give the competition pool much more functionality than it has had in previous years.

With the new dehumidification system, users will notice a lower ambient air temperature in the spectator seating area, as well as a decrease in the smell of chlorine by reducing chloramines in the space. This helps not only swimmers with conditions such as asthma, but also spectators that often suffer from itchy, burning eyes and scratching throats after watching an all-day competition.

One of the most noticeable changes for regular users will be the fully functional indoor and outdoor spas. These spaces will be given a full mechanical makeover to renew them as a much needed service to the university community.

In order to fully address the areas of concern within the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center Natatorium and Leisure Pool, all spaces will be closed from December 19, 2014, through the duration of the renovation. This will also include both the dry sauna and outdoor sand volleyball court. It is anticipated that the spaces will re-open to the University of Houston community in summer 2015.

Please visit the Campus Recreation website and follow our social media accounts (Facebook & Twitter) for contests, updates and to see the progress!