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**MAYOR DE BLASIO ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF INDOOR POOLS AT 33  
PERCENT CAPACITY**

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio today released the following statement on the return of indoor swimming pools:

“As New York City continues its gradual reopening and economic recovery, we’re proud to announce we are ready to reopen indoor pools. Swimming pools are a community anchor, an exercise center, and an oasis in their neighborhoods—both literally and figuratively. New Yorkers have worked hard to fight back COVID-19. As transmission rates remain low, we’re proud to offer more ways to slowly return to business as usual.”

Indoor pools will be allowed to reopen on September 30<sup>th</sup>, subject to strict occupancy limits at 33 percent of capacity. Standard Department of Health and Mental Hygiene inspections will continue to promote compliance with all New York State regulations. New Yorkers who see crowding or other unsafe conditions in indoor swimming pools are urged to report to 311.

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