



# PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS | Summary of Best Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## BE HEALTHY, BE CLEAN



- Develop a COVID-19 Prevention Plan and train staff.
- Instruct sick employees to stay home. If sick, recommend they consult a doctor if they have COVID 19 symptoms.
- Monitor employees for signs of COVID-19 symptoms before each shift.



- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Provide a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer for customers and employees to use.
- Provide stocked handwashing and sanitizing stations for the customers.



- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Post signage not to enter the facility if sick with COVID 19 symptoms.
- Ask employees and swimmers to wear face coverings if unable to maintain 6 feet separation when outside of the pool.

## CLEAN AND DISINFECT



- Train employees on cleaning and disinfecting procedures, and protective measures.
- Have and use cleaning supplies and use EPA registered disinfectant products according to their labels.
- Clean high use restrooms and check in counters at least twice daily.



- Assign staff to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (hand rails, doors, counters, etc.).
- Clean and disinfect furniture (i.e. lounge chairs) and equipment (i.e. kick boards, and flotation devices) between use.
- If towels are provided, ensure they are handled and laundered in accordance with CA state guidance.



- Have a system to keep furniture and equipment that needs to be disinfected separated from furniture and equipment needing disinfection.
- Keep monitoring records for cleaning and disinfecting and for monitoring of pool chemistry.
- Use touch free payment systems or sanitize POS systems regularly if used.

## SOCIAL DISTANCE



- Post signage instructing employees and guests to maintain at least 6 feet distance from each other.
- Use physical and visual cues to ensure that staff and guests maintain 6 foot separation.
- Install physical barriers where staff and guests must interact and physical distancing is difficult.



- Ensure standing and seating areas around pool can support a minimum 6 feet distancing between staff and patrons.
- Provide a monitor on deck to assure social distancing and occupancy limits.
- Utilize appointment system to limit use if staff are not available to monitor the pool occupancy.



- Limit the number of swimmers and guests to assure social distancing.
- Keep Spa Pool closed until Executive Order allows it's use.
- Discontinue aquatic classes and lessons unless adequate social distancing can take place.
- Avoid offering activities that promote group gatherings.

## GENERAL POOL SAFETY



- Maintain:
  - Sanitizer at safe levels 2 -10ppm
  - PH is at 7.2 -7.8
  - Cyanuric acid is less than 100ppm
  - Water clarity is maintained with main drain visible
  - Recirculation/disinfection system is adequate and chemistry is logged



- Maintain compliance with State Pool Code standards.
- Clean and sanitize safety equipment frequently.
- Assure there are no safety hazards or suction entrapments.
- In the event of a fecal accident in the pool, close the pool and follow fecal incident disinfection procedures.



- Assure secure pool enclosure.
- Signage is available:
  - Maximum occupancy
  - Artificial respiration
  - Emergency Telephone numbers
  - Diarrhea warning
  - No lifeguard on duty