



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

BE HEALTHY, BE CLEAN



- Train employees on the social/physical distancing and sanitation protocol.
- 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.
- Provide clean and sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities.



- Assign staff to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (hand rails, gates, counters, bathroom surfaces, lounge chairs, tables, etc.).
- Clean high use restrooms and check in counters at least twice daily.



- Assure pool chemistry is within the acceptable levels at all times.
- 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



- Educate employees, swimmers and onlookers on the importance of social distancing via signs at entrances.
- Consider placing tape or other markings 6 feet apart where lines might form.
- Consider offering special operating hours for at risk populations.



- Separate seating for swimmers and other onlookers to assure minimum 6 feet distancing.
- 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.
- Instruct employees to maintain at least 6 feet distance from users and from each other.
- Keep Spa Pool closed until Executive Order allows it's use.
- Discontinue aquatic classes and lessons unless adequate social distancing can take place.

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