# Public Swimming Pools

## Summary of Best Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Be Healthy, Be Clean

- Monitor employees for any signs of COVID-19 symptoms before each shift.
- 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.

- 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 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 EPA registered disinfectant products, according to their labels.
- Provide clean and sanitary toilet and handwashing facilities.

- Assign staff to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (handrails, 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, 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 all 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 a minimum of 6 feet distancing.
- Provide a monitor on deck to assure social distancing and occupancy limits.
- Utilize appointment systems 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 each other.
- Keep Spa Pool closed until Executive Order allows its use.
- Discontinue aquatic classes and lessons until 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.

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