



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING POOL CLOSURES DUE TO THE COVID-19 LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY – Updated 7/30/2020

ARE PUBLIC POOLS ALLOWED TO OPEN?

Effective 6/12/2020, all pools are allowed to open. Community pools must complete a social distancing plan, residential style pools (HOA's, apartments, hotels) do not require a plan but are recommended to do so. See the protocol guidelines [here](#). Indoor pools may open at 25% capacity.

CAN OUR MEDICAL THERAPY POOL REMAIN OPEN?

Yes. It is recommended to only see one patient at a time to ensure proper social distancing.

CAN WE CLOSE THE RESTROOM FACILITY AT OUR SWIMMING POOL?

No. The provided restroom and shower facilities are required per Title 24 and are necessary for proper bather sanitation.

DO POOL PATRONS NEED TO WEAR MASKS?

Maybe. The state mandate to wear masks does not apply when individuals are outdoors and can maintain social distancing. Masks are required when 6-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. Pool users should not wear a face covering while in the water. It may be necessary to require face coverings for indoor facilities – please review the [state guidance](#) to ensure compliance.

HOW OFTEN DO WE NEED TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT?

The frequency of cleaning will depend on the frequency of pool usage. It is up to the community association/pool facility to determine an adequate cleaning schedule and to assure that the cleaning is done.

ARE ONE-ON-ONE SWIM LESSONS ALLOWED?

All-age one-on-one drowning prevention classes are allowed with Certified Infant Swim instructors only.

WILL YOU BE CONDUCTING ROUTINE INSPECTIONS?

Yes. Routine inspections of pools that have re-opened will commence.

WHAT IS THE FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION, AND WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Upon notification of the pool facility's re-opening, an inspector will contact the listed contact person to schedule an inspection. The inspection will consist of the usual routine inspection, as well as a "consultation"-style inspection that will cover the COVID protocols implemented by the facility. A follow-up inspection may be scheduled if corrections are needed. Additional inspections may be performed if complaints about the facility are received by this Division.

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