

Swimming Pools

These protocols were developed to serve community pools, pools at hotels and pools at condominiums, apartments and other residential complexes.

- I. **Workforce and Visitor Protections**
 - a. **Situate hand sanitizing stations and/or disinfectant wipes around the pool deck area and in public restrooms**
 - b. **Establish a one-way flow into and out of the pool deck if there is a single entry/exit point, complemented by directional tape and personnel to monitor**
 - c. **Place additional fans or other ventilation systems to assist in directing air circulation away from guest or employee areas**
 - d. **If they have been removed, place lifesaving equipment (life ring and safety hook) back on the pool deck in an easily seen and accessible spot.**
 - e. **Deep clean prior to open (e.g., pool furniture, gate latches, handrails, lifesaving equipment)**

- II. **Business process adaptations**
 - a. **Designate one or more individuals to be responsible for reviewing and ensuring daily pool safety**
 - b. **Place clear markings on the floors and other areas to ensure guests follow social distancing guidelines/spacing (including bathrooms)**
 - c. **Remove chairs and lounge chairs on the pool deck to achieve appropriate (i.e. at least 6-feet) spacing between guests**
 - d. **Place bins outside of 4 feet pool wet deck**
 - e. **For pool bars, remove bar stools and chairs, mark spacing distances, and place barriers between guest and employees to ensure 6-foot distancing**
 - f. **Enable all entry gates to pool area and doors to self-close and self-latch**
 - g. **Ensure vacuum port covers are installed**
 - h. **Remove any solar blankets from pool**
 - i. **Check handrails, ladders, diving boards, etc. to ensure they are securely installed**
 - j. **Ensure pool recirculation pump is set to run at least 3 hours before the pool opens to 3 hours after the pool is closed (24 hours/day for vacuum DE filters)**

- III. **Public health interventions**
 - a. **Provide training to employees on: (i) personal protective equipment and how to properly dispose them; (ii) how to detect symptoms of the virus; (iii) procedures to follow in case an infection is confirmed**
 - b. **Place signage in several high visibility areas around the pool noting the social distancing policies that are in effect for all persons on the pool deck and in the pool; use visual or infographics educational material provided by CDC and DOH on this issue**
 - c. **Ensure pool rules sign is posted and easily visible from all areas of the pool**
 - d. **Clean or back wash filters to remove any build-up of dirt or debris**
 - e. **Ensure anti-entrapment devices are installed and working properly**