

REOPENING POOLS

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

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

- 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. 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)
- D. Comprehensively clean establishments each night, including disinfecting all frequent touch points and emptying all trash receptacles using solid waste bags that are double bagged and securely sealed.
- E. Deep clean prior to open (e.g., pool furniture, gate latches, handrails, lifesaving equipment)
- F. Place clear markings on the floors and other areas to ensure guests follow social distancing guidelines/spacing (including bathrooms)
- G. Remove chairs and lounge chairs on the pool deck to achieve appropriate (i.e. at least 6-feet) spacing between guests
- H. Place bins outside of 4 feet pool wet deck
- I. For pool bars, remove bar stools and chairs, mark spacing distances, and place barriers between guest and employees to ensure 6-foot distancing
- J. Enable all entry gates to pool area and doors to self-close and self-latch
- K. Ensure vacuum port covers are installed
- L. Remove any solar blankets from pool
- M. Check handrails, ladders, diving boards, etc. to ensure they are securely installed
- N. 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)
- O. Prior to re-open, flush plumbing and run water in sinks to eliminate stagnant water XXX
- P. Provide training to employees on new operating protocols and modifications to existing codes of conduct to deal with COVID-19 issues including (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
- Q. 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

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- R. Ensure pool rules sign is posted and easily visible from all areas of the pool
- S. Clean or back wash filters to remove any build-up of dirt or debris
- T. Ensure anti-entrapment devices are installed and working properly
- U. Face coverings must be worn when social distancing is not possible
- V. Do not allow employees who have flu like symptoms to report to work for 14 days after the onset symptoms
- W. Enhanced sanitization of all common areas/touch points
- X. Enforce personal protective equipment (e.g., face coverings, gloves)
- Y. Procure increase amounts of soap, hand sanitizer, cleaning materials and protective equipment
- Z. Clean and disinfect bathrooms every two to three hours
- AA. Eliminate the use of common water fountains and interactive displays
- BB. Any establishment that has an on-site employee or contractor who tests positive shall close for the shorter of:
 - a. the time needed for all staff to be tested and the establishment to be deep-sanitized; or
 - b. 14 days from the date such employee or contractor was last onsite at such establishment.
- CC. Post a contact email address and/or telephone number for employees/users to contact if they have questions or concerns (moved up from encourages as per MDC Order 23-20)
- DD. Place trash containers for personal protective equipment ("PPE") near exits, entrances, and other common areas
- EE. Comply with any restrictions or requirements imposed pursuant to an Executive Order issued by the Governor, including, but not limited to, building capacity restrictions.

ADDITIONAL ENCOURAGED GUIDELINES

- A. Place additional fans or other ventilation systems to assist in directing air circulation away from guest or employee areas
- B. Designate one or more individuals to be responsible for reviewing and ensuring daily pool safety