

SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL GUIDANCE

The State of California has issued guidance for public swimming pools operated at the following types or businesses: gyms and fitness centers, day camps, hotels/motels and lodging establishments, including campgrounds. Based on this information, the following guidance should be adhered to for all public swimming pools not associated with one of the above listed businesses.

1. Frequent sanitization/disinfection of shared surfaces (restrooms, showers, fixtures, handrails, gates, latches, etc.) must be conducted
2. Set up a system so that pool furniture (lounge chairs, tables, etc.) and equipment is either cleaned and disinfected between each use or removed/made inaccessible.
3. Consider implementing reservations for pool use to ensure physical distancing requirements can be met. Rearrange the deck area and other surrounding areas to ensure that proper physical distancing requirements can be met by patrons.
4. Diving boards, waterslides, waterparks, spas/hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms, other types of structures like this must remain closed at this time.
5. Require patrons to bring their own towels and discourage the shared use of swimming items, such as goggles, kick boards, pool noodles, and other floatation devices.
6. Aquatic venues should avoid activities that promote group gatherings.
7. Shared restrooms and shower facilities should be cleaned regularly throughout the day using EPA-registered disinfectants. High-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs, and light switches must be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
8. Ensure that sanitary facilities stay operational and are continuously stocked at all times. Provide additional soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer when needed. Install hands-free devices, if possible, including motion sensor sinks faucets, soap dispensers, sanitizer dispensers, and paper towel dispensers.
9. For locations where restroom facilities are not available on site, provide hand sanitizer or signage reminding patrons that restrooms aren't available and they should bring their own hand sanitizer.
10. Shared equipment such as kickboards, pool noodles, float toys, water dumbbells, etc. have been stored away and removed from use.
11. Provide sanitizing/disinfection wipes for pool users to disinfect high-contact touchpoints before and after use.

12. Signage shall be posted at each entrance into the facility informing all employees and pool users that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19; maintain a minimum 6-foot distance from one another; wear facial coverings when not actively in the water; wash their hands frequently or use hand sanitizer upon entering into the facility; and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.

It is recommended that a designated onsite manager or other responsible person be responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the maximum number of pool users, either on the pool deck, or in the swimming pool, as set forth is not exceeded. The designated person should also be responsible to ensure that all interim guidelines are adhered at all times. For additional pool guidance, refer to CDC's guidance at the following link:
<https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/index.html>