

## Swimming Pool Opening: Phase 1

While there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can survive in properly disinfected swimming pool water; the virus can be spread in and around a swimming pool environment through person-to-person contact and contact with contaminated surfaces. CDC advisories related to social distancing, staying home while sick, routine disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, frequent handwashing and/or hand sanitizer use, and other personal protection guidance should be operational considerations for your facility moving forward.

- A written plan must be submitted to the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services for approval before you will be given an operating permit.
  - How will social distancing requirements be monitored and maintained?
  - How will high touch surfaces be disinfected? Include information on sanitizer being used, concentration, and how often the surfaces will be cleaned.
  - Repeated failure to follow the plan approved by PHHS as part of your pre-opening inspection and terms of your operating permit may result in revocation of your operating permit.
- Signs should be posted at the entrance of the pool to remind patrons not to enter when they are sick and maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet distance)
- Pools where there is no monitor or attendant will be allowed to open with a maximum of 10 people per pool at any given time.
  - social distancing must be maintained at all locations inside the pool area. This includes grills and picnic areas.
  - If the size of a pool does not allow for social distancing requirements to be maintained at all times, the pool will not be allowed to open.
- Hot tubs and spray playgrounds will not be allowed to open during Phase One
- Seasonal pool permit fee must be paid to the City of Columbia Business License Office, payment can be mailed in, drop the payment (put in an envelope marked "Business License") in the drop box in the back of City Hall or give payment to the Treasury staff at the drive-thru window also in back of City Hall.

### **Tips for Social Distancing**

- Remove pool furniture from the area or only keep out enough furniture for your maximum allowed capacity
- Space out pool furniture to allow for social distancing
- The lifeguard/monitors shall be responsible for ensuring that social distancing is maintained.

### **Cleaning/Disinfection**

The list below highlights areas that should be disinfected routinely throughout any business operations or training. In addition to an established process, disinfectant spray or wipes should be made available for both staff and patrons to disinfect as needed throughout the day.

This list should by no means be considered complete, however it is intended to assist any operation considering their specific environment and interactions that occur between staff and patrons.

### **Entry Areas**

Ticket/admission counters  
Personal items/bag check  
kiosks/patron input devices  
Entry gates

### **Common Areas**

Restrooms  
Lockers  
Dining Areas  
Seating Areas

### **Attractions**

Queues and Dispatch Areas  
Operational Controls  
Ride Vehicles  
Dry Features or Play Areas

### **Common Contact Points**

Handrails  
Door Handles  
Trash Cans  
Water Fountains  
Light Switches

### **First Aid**

#### **Food Service**

Cashiers/Points of Sale  
Dispensers & Condiment Stations  
Foods  
Containers  
Fryers and Ovens  
Dishwashing  
Utensils

### **Other Operational Areas**

Time Clock  
Break Rooms  
Storage Rooms  
Mechanical and Pump Rooms  
Rescue Equipment  
Swim Lesson Equipment  
Lifejackets  
Lifeguard Chairs

- When performing routine environmental cleaning:
  - Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces such as ladders, handrails, entrance gates, pool furniture, etc. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water before disinfecting.
  - For disinfection, most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available here: [Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 | US EPA](#)
  - You can make an easy bleach solution by mixing:
    - 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or
    - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.). Make sure to keep all spray bottles or containers labeled that have sanitizer solutions in them.

- Standard PPE must be worn during all times of disinfection. Hands should be properly washed immediately after using any chemicals or disinfectants. Enhanced PPE is not required for routine surface cleaning and disinfection, however is required if cleaning and disinfection of a known or suspected COVID-19 patron.
- All solutions and containers must be properly labeled. If a container's contents are unknown, properly dispose of it and rinse the container with water.

We truly appreciate your cooperation during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Public Health and Human Services Division of Environmental Health at 573-874-7346 if you have any questions or concerns.