



## **SAMPLE HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS**

### **SPAS MUST REMAIN CLOSED (UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**POOL OWNER/OPERATOR (e.g., HOA, APARTMENT AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT) ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE POOL'S OPERATION IS COMPLIANT WITH THE HEALTH ORDER AND THE STATE COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE.**

### **SIGNAGE**

- ☐ [Self-Certification Placard](#) (list your local law enforcement agency in the department fields of this document).
- ☐ Health Officer Order Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Tagalog](#)).
- ☐ Health and Safety Signage ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Chinese](#)).
- ☐ Health and Safety Plan (this form serves as an example).

### **MEASURES TO PREVENT GATHERING AND ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- Ensure social distancing by (1) having members of the same household use the pool at the same time period, or (2) in a manner that ensures the Health Officer Orders are enforced (recommend dividing pool occupancy by half). Any measures put in place must be reflected in the required posted written protocols.
- ☐ Minimum six feet of social distancing is required in and out of the pool.
  - ☐ No personal contact in and out of the pool unless pool users are from the same household (no contact swim lessons).
  - ☐ Lap swimming shall be one person per lane and maintain 6 feet social distancing.
  - ☐ Face coverings are required for all those on the pool deck. Do not wear a face covering while in the pool. Face shields cannot be used in lieu of face coverings.
  - ☐ Eliminate shared equipment and pool furniture in the facility or disinfect after each use.
  - ☐ Place tape or other markings at least six feet apart in pool user line areas or any other area in the pool where pool users congregate (e.g. line for outdoor showers).
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEASURES TO INCREASE SANITATION

### Cleaning and Disinfecting Pools:

- ☐ Maintain proper disinfectant levels:

Type	Free Chlorine	pH
Pools With Cyanuric Acid (100 ppm max)	2-10 ppm	7.2-7.8
Pools Without Cyanuric Acid	1-10 ppm	7.2-7.8

- ☐ Ensure daily monitoring and recording of pool chemicals (chlorine, pH, and cyanuric acid). If the operator notices the chemicals are not within their appropriate range, the pool shall be closed until the chemicals are balanced to the correct levels.
- ☐ Recommend maintaining a checklist with attendance records to aid in contact tracing as needed.

### Cleaning and Disinfecting Ancillary Areas:

- ☐ Keep locker rooms closed.
- ☐ Stock handwashing stations with liquid soap and paper towels. Provide hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for pool users/visitors to use.
- ☐ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces: handrails and ladders ADA lift door/gate handles surfaces of restrooms: handwashing stations, diaper changing stations, and showers any multi-touch contact surface that have been identified

#### Examples of disinfectants:

Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may be used for surfaces. Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used. To make a bleach solution, mix: 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water per CDC guidelines.

## MEASURES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH (IF APPLICABLE)

- ☐ Distribute a copy of the safety guidelines to each employee.
- ☐ Instruct employees not to come to work for at least 14 days if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and/or seek a health care provider.
- ☐ Check employees for symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) of illness prior to entering work space by following CDC guidelines.
- ☐ Employees shall wear face coverings in the workplace.
- ☐ Liquid soap, warm water, and paper towels are available to all employees for handwashing.
- ☐ Hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) and other EPA approved disinfectants are available to all employees.
- ☐ Individual work stations are separated by at least six feet or with a physical barrier.

☐ All employees/attendants have been instructed to maintain at least six feet distance from pool users and from each other as much as practicable.

☐ Sanitize all individual work stations and common touch points frequently.

☐ Common areas such as break rooms and bathrooms are to be sanitized after each use.

☐ For indoor pools, make sure ventilation systems work properly. Increase air circulation by introducing outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors or using fans. However, do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety risk to staff, patrons, or swimmers.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Measures:**

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For additional information refer to the latest Health Officer's Order at [smchealth.org/coronavirus](https://smchealth.org/coronavirus).  
California State COVID-19 Industry Guidance can be found [here](#).

**IT IS THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POOL OWNER/OPERATOR TO ENSURE ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS ARE FOLLOWED TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF THE POOL USERS. IF OPERATORS ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, THE POOL SHALL REMAIN CLOSED.**

**Contact the owner or person in charge listed below with any questions about the following safety measure protocols.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_