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Guidance for Public Swimming Pools

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- Pre-screen all employees prior to starting their shift including temperature checks. If anyone is ill, presents symptoms of illness, or has a temperature above 100°F then they must be sent home.
- Post information for the public about COVID-19 indicating social distancing requirements including the use of face masks and the importance of washing hands.
- Encourage the use of face masks by employees and patrons. Face coverings should be worn all the times except when swimming.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often. These include but are not limited to handrails, chairs, tables, door handles, and any pool equipment.
- Modify deck layouts to ensure that in all standing and seating areas that individuals can remain at least 6 feet apart from those they do not live with.
- Provide physical cues or guides (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff and patrons stay at least 6 feet apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.
- Avoid group events, gathering, or meetings both in and out of the water if social distancing of at least 6 feet between people who don't live together cannot be maintained.
- If bathrooms facilities are typically offered to the public then continue to offer them. Ensure that staff frequently cleans and disinfects the bathrooms and that there is adequate soap and towels available.

More guidance is available from the CDC:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html