



## COVID-19 Guidance for Pool Facilities Reopening and Operating at Approved Capacity

Marin County Environmental Health Services understands your need to reopen and operate at the approved capacity as soon as possible. Below is a checklist of pool operational items that should be in place before putting the pool(s) into service. In addition, prior to reopening and operating the pool(s), ensure that you as the pool operator provide policies and procedures (Site-specific Protection Plan) pursuant to the Health Officer Orders dated June 5, 2020 to ensure the pool users are following guidelines to prevent any health and safety risks. Your facility should not be operating unless all of the items below can be checked off and maintained.

Water Chemistry/Clarity				
<b>Sanitizer</b>	Increase your pool service frequency as needed to ensure the proper concentration levels are maintained.			
		<i>Pool</i>	<i>Spa</i>	<i>Wading</i>
	Chlorine – unstabilized	1ppm –10ppm	3ppm –10ppm	3ppm –10ppm
	Chlorine – stabilized	2ppm –10ppm	3ppm –10ppm	3ppm –10ppm
	Bromine	2ppm	4ppm	4ppm
<b>pH</b>	Maintain pH level between 7.2-7.8.			
<b>Water Clarity</b>	Water clarity is a visual measure of water quality. The water should be clear, ensuring that the main drain is visible at all times.			
<b>Enclosure</b>				
<b>Enclosure</b>	The fence/enclosure must be in good repair so that children are unable to crawl through or climb over. It should be a height of at least 4 feet if built prior to July 1, 1994 and at least 5 feet if built after July 1, 1994.			
<b>Gates</b>	Gates need to be self-closing and self-latching to prevent unauthorized access by children.			
<b>Entrapment</b>				
<b>Anti-entrapment Device or System</b>	All single main drains that are not unblockable need to have an anti-entrapment device or system that is operational. The body of water should be closed if it does not have an operational anti-entrapment device or system, when required.			
<b>Suction Covers/Fittings</b>	All suction covers and fittings need to be an approved anti-entrapment cover and in good repair.			
<b>Recirculation/Filtration/Disinfection</b>				
<b>Chemical Feeder</b>	Chemical feeders must be present and operational.			

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	<b>Recirculation and Filtration System</b>	The components of the recirculation, which includes the skimmer and filtration systems must be working to provide clear, clean and sanitary pool water. If the recirculation and filtration systems have been off for any period of time, it is recommended to keep it on for 24 hours prior to reopening the pool for use to allow for proper sanitization of water. If pools have been open or the recirculation and filtration systems have been regularly running, it is recommended to turn it on at least 2 hours prior to opening the pool for use. It must always be on when open for use.
	<b>Safety Hazards</b>	
	<b>Lifesaving Equipment</b>	Each pool must have a <b>life ring</b> (17" outside diameter) with attached length of rope (3/16" minimum diameter) capable of spanning the width of the pool at its widest point and a <b>body hook</b> securely attached to a 12-foot pole.
	<b>Spa Safety</b>	Ensure the spa water temperature is 104°F or less and the Emergency Shut-off Switch is operational.
	<b>Maintenance</b>	
	<b>Vermin/Other</b>	Look around the pool deck and inside the pool including the skimmers to ensure there are no dead animals or fecal matter on the deck, inside the pool, or in the pool skimmer baskets. Use the proper cleaning and sanitization procedures if any dead animals or fecal matter are observed.
	<b>Pool Cleanliness</b>	Ensure pool surface, bottom, sides, steps, and tile are clean and free of algae and in good repair.
	<b>Safety Signs</b>	Ensure all the required pool signs are present and in good repair. The following signs are required for all pools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Occupant Capacity</li> <li>• No diving</li> <li>• No Lifeguard on Duty</li> <li>• Artificial Respiration Procedures</li> <li>• Emergency Telephone # (911), the nearest emergency services, and the name and street address of the pool facility</li> <li>• Caution Sign for Spas</li> <li>• Emergency shut-off for Spas</li> <li>• No Use of Pool After Dark</li> <li>• Keep Gate Closed</li> <li>• Diarrhea Sign</li> </ul>
	<b>Restrooms and Showers</b>	Restrooms and showers should be clean and in good repair. Sinks and showers shall have a maximum water temperature of 110°F. Soap, paper towels/dryer, and toilet paper must be provided in dispensers.
	<b>Operations</b>	
	<b>Responsible Person</b>	Ensure the pool is under the supervision of a responsible who is familiar with pool operations and requirements.
	<b>Test Kit</b>	Each site shall have an approved test kit available for testing water chemistry. The test kit should be capable of measuring pH, the concentration of disinfectant, and when used, cyanuric acid.
	<b>Operational Records</b>	Written records of chemical tests, occurrences, and maintenance and repairs shall be maintained on-site.

For more information, please call (415) 473-6907 or visit our website at <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/environmental-health-services/pools-and-spas>.