



Pool Re-Opening June 15th Update

Public swimming pools were closed as of the March 16, 2020 Health Officer Order and the March 19, 2020 Governor’s Order. Outdoor swimming pools and spas could open as of June 5, 2020. Indoor pools could open as of March 24, 2021, when Marin County entered into the orange tier.

As of June 15th, 2021, the California Department of Public Health will no longer require modifications for the use of public pools. All public pools will be able to return to usual operations, with the exception of Mega Events (see the CDPH website for additional information: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx>), on June 15th.

“Public swimming pool” as defined in the California Health and Safety Code: means any public swimming pool, bathhouse, public swimming and bathing place and all related appurtenances... operated for the use of the general public with or without charge, or for the use of the members and guests of a private club, including any swimming pool located on the grounds of a hotel, motel, inn, an apartment complex, or any residential setting other than a single-family home. Public swimming pools also includes spas, spray grounds, water parks and are also located at health and fitness clubs, schools, municipalities, and campgrounds.

Public swimming pools in Marin County are regulated by Environmental Health Services and operate under a County of Marin Permit to Operate.

Restrictions Applying to Indoor & Outdoor Settings	
Vaccine Verification / Negative Testing	Required for Indoor mega events Recommended for Outdoor mega events
Capacity Limitations	No restrictions
Physical Distancing	No restrictions for attendees, customers and guests
Masking	Follow current CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings
Travelers	Follow CDC recommendations and CDPH Travel Advisory

Mask Requirements:

The requirement for people to wear masks is still not completely resolved, as CalOSHA is going to meet again on June 17th to vote on proposed revisions. We will continue to update our site with information as we get it from CDPH and CalOSHA. For now, workers at public pools should continue with current masking practices. However, there will be no requirement for users to wear masks at a public pool as of June 15th.

Choosing to Keep Modifications:

We have received questions from pool operators asking if it is acceptable to keep restrictions in place once they are officially lifted. Owners of private businesses (including pools) are allowed to set their own rules, as long as they are more and not less strict than CDPH requirements.

We will continue to update our website with new information or requirements. Please see the CDPH FAQ's for additional information: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-QA.aspx>

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