These questions and answers apply to public swimming pools. A public swimming pool is a pool operated for the use of the general public or for the use of the members and guests of a private "club". Public swimming pools include but are not limited to pools and spas at: apartment houses, condominiums, hotels, health and fitness clubs, schools, municipalities, spray grounds, & campgrounds, etc. Public swimming pools are regulated by the County of Marin Environmental Health Services (EHS) under a Permit to Operate.

**Should public swimming pools and spas be open for operation?**
- Under Federal, State, and County COVID-19 orders, social distancing must be adhered to and gatherings are not allowed. Therefore, all pools should be closed for recreation.
- Exception: a medical therapy pool which is part of a healthcare facility may continue to operate. These pools must have been designated as a medical therapy pool prior to the COVID-19 orders.

**Can my pool maintenance company continue to maintain the swimming pool/spa?**
Yes. Routine maintenance including cleaning, chemical balancing and adjustments should continue. Not maintaining the chemical balance and filtration may pose other health risks to the users and the community.

**Are you accepting plan submittals during the Marin County Shelter in Place Order?**
Yes, EHS will accept applications and plans for new pools, remodels, equipment changes, VGB changes, etc. Plans and equipment reviews will be conducted but construction inspections will not be done except as noted below.

Please note that our service levels are curtailed at this time. Please mail or email plans, applications, and fees to EHS.

**Are you conducting pool inspections during the Shelter in Place order?**
- Pool construction inspections have been suspended at this time unless delaying completion of a project would pose a safety, security or sanitation risk.
- Routine pool inspections have also been suspended at this time. Please contact Loni Ward (LNward@marincounty.org) directly regarding the plan submittal process during the Marin County Shelter in Place Order.

**Where can I find additional Marin County FAQ’s related to COVID-19?**
https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/faqs?combine=&field_categories_target_id=All