

COVID-19: Re-opening Pools and Spas



Lodging Establishments and pool operators should educate themselves about symptoms and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not be in the pool and/or spa areas. While COVID-19 is not known to spread in the water, patrons need to continue to keep to the recommended 6ft social distance.



Surfaces

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Discard after each use and wash hands immediately after gloves are removed.
 - If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
 - Clean and disinfect all “high-touch” surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, and phones frequently. This should include any chairs, tables and loungers in the pool/spa area.
 - If the facility is equipped with slides, those need to be wiped down frequently also.
- For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions (1/3 cup of unscented household bleach per one gallon of water), alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.
 - Be sure to allow the disinfectant to remain on the surface for the appropriate contact time, as directed on the label. This will allow the disinfectant to work properly.

Capacity

- Facilities should follow the State of Missouri Governor’s Executive Order 20.09.
- Patrons in or out of the pool shall abide by social distancing recommendations, including maintaining six feet (6’) of space between individuals.
- Facilities should monitor the pool area very closely during this time to ensure that individuals are maintaining social distancing.
- It is recommended that some loungers or chairs be removed so that 6ft social distancing is maintained.



Pool Maintenance

- Maintain pool/spa chemicals according to Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC). You can find a link to the MAHC here: <https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/index.html>.
 - Recommend increased frequency of pool/spa chemical testing.
 - Maintain a record of chemical testing and any maintenance conducted.
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Snack Bars and Swim-up Bars

- Remove or cover chairs so that recommended 6ft social distance is maintained.
- If patrons are waiting in a line, they must maintain social distancing of 6 ft.
- Any surfaces that are above the water need to be wiped down frequently.
- All State of Missouri food safety recommendations for opening after COVID-19 should be followed.

If you have questions about guidance for your specific lodging establishment, or other questions about this guidance, contact your state or local health department.

- You can also find links to our other documents: “Cleaning Recommendations for Lodging Establishments to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19” and “Cleaning Practices for Lodging Establishments Housing those in Isolation/Quarantine” at the following link: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/how-do-i-prevent.php>.

For additional information please visit:

- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website at: <https://health.mo.gov/coronavirus>
- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>

For more information: www.health.mo.gov/coronavirus

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