Guidance for Re-Opening During COVID-19 Recovery

As we work towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, there are precautions swimming pool operators can take to safeguard pool users and employees from spreading the virus.

Public Swimming Pools and Spas

Health of Pool Users and Staff

- Educate staff on the most common COVID-19 symptoms. Have them to stay home if they feel ill and/or exhibit any symptoms.
- Inform staff and pool users to:
  - Continue practicing social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart
  - Wear a face covering when not in the water
- Implement scheduled time slots for use on the busiest days to control the flow of users.

Safety Measures for Pool Users

Post signs that tells pool users to:
- Swim only with members of their household and maintain a safe distance of 6 feet or greater from other pool users,
- Wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid the pool area if they are experiencing symptoms of illness including a fever of 100^0F or above, and/or any COVID-19 like symptoms.

Clean and Disinfect

- Frequently clean and disinfect. It is recommended to create a written disinfection plan that identifies frequently touched surfaces, a cleaning schedule, and designated person to complete disinfection tasks. Refer to the CDC Guidance for Disinfection for more information. Areas that need to be disinfected include, but are not limited to:
  - Pool area: gate/door hand-activated hardware, lounge chairs, tables, handrails
  - Restrooms: door knobs, light switches, faucet handles, sinks, counters, toilets
  - Showers
  - Drinking fountain
  - Lockers
  - Other high-traffic surfaces

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Pool Area

- Rearrange or remove furniture to provide adequate spacing.
- Check pool enclosure is in good condition and gates/doors are self-closing and self-latching.
- Secure safety equipment (body hook and life ring) maintain accessible and in good condition.
- Ensure soap and paper towels are available in dispensers in restrooms.

Pool and Spa Equipment

- Verify pool light is mounted flush with the pool shell.
- Ensure the pump is working properly and that the timer is set to be "on" during times when the pool is available for use.
- Backwash filter, clean filter and verify filter pressure gauge accurately reflects the "start-up" pressure.
- Verify the required flowrate is being met by checking the flowmeter.
- Ensure chemical feeders (i.e. chlorine, muriatic acid) are properly functioning.
- Verify skimmers are functional and equipped with the required parts (i.e. basket, weir gate).
- Ensure all suction outlet covers are secure and in good condition.
- Check for leaks in pool/spa plumbing and equipment, and repair.

Water Quality

Make sure that the:
- Water is maintained clean and clear,
- Free chlorine residual is maintained between 1.0 ppm - 10.0 ppm,
- pH is maintained between 7.2-7.8,
- Cyanuric acid is maintained below 100 ppm,
- Spa water temperature does not exceed 104^{0}F, and
- Other water balance factors are considered: alkalinity, calcium hardiness, total dissolved solids.

For More Information

For questions specific to swimming pools and spa operators:	For questions specific to COVID-19:	References:
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