

Re-Opening Swimming Pools After a Pandemic



Many states have started reopening public pools and you have probably been working closely with your local public health officials on your plan for reopening your pool as well. Great American has collected information from the Centers for Disease Control to create a simplified checklist to help in managing safety risks as you reopen.

Reopening Swimming Pools Checklist*	Yes	No
Is signage posted for all staff, patrons and swimmers to wash their hands often and cover their nose and mouth when they sneeze or cough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are additional signs posted about how to prevent the spread of Covid-19?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cloth face coverings provided or required when social distancing is difficult?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the organization educating the staff, patrons, and swimmers about when to stay home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the organization make sure staff and patrons have access to adequate healthy hygiene products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the organization broadcast regular announcements over the PA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are frequently touched surfaces cleaned and disinfected at least daily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are shared objects cleaned and disinfected after each use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the companies or engineers that designed the equipment contacted when deciding what type of disinfectant to use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the ventilation systems of indoor spaces operating properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there increased introduction of outdoor air as much as possible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all water systems safe to use after a facility shutdown?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are standing and sitting spaces modified so that people can remain 6 feet away from each other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there physical or visual cues to ensure that the staff, patrons, and swimmers stay 6 feet away from each other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate equipment for patrons and swimmers to minimize sharing as much as possible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the companies or engineers that designed the equipment contacted before altering aquatic features?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are modified job responsibilities available for vulnerable employees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the aquatic venue limited to only staff, patrons, and swimmers who live in the local area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a specific staff member assigned to monitoring handwashing, use of face coverings, and social distancing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the shifts of the staff members staggered to reduce the amount of staff present at one time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there sick leave policies and practices for staff that are flexible and non-punitive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a back-up staffing plan in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the staff trained on all safety protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is social distancing used in the staff's training sessions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are daily health checks conducted on the staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

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