



COVID-19 Guidance for Public and Private Community Swimming Pools

- Follow CDC guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
- The pool should have a **written plan** documenting plans and procedures to help protect staff and swimmers, both in and out of the water, and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Develop a plan for isolating and, if needed, arranging transportation for anyone who develops symptoms while at the facility, cleaning, and disinfecting areas used by the sick person, and notifying Division of Public Health and close contacts.
- Designate a staff member to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff and swimmers should know who this person is and how to contact him or her.
- Encourage all staff, guests, and swimmers to wash hands often (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds) and cover their coughs or sneezes. Have hand sanitizers (contain at least 60% alcohol) available for staff, guests, and swimmers.
- Increase ventilation, intake of outdoor air and exhaust of indoor air, to reduce the concentration of virus particles in indoor air.
- Provide adequate supplies in support of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Supplies include face coverings, soap and water, paper towels, tissues, and hand sanitizers.
- Swimmers should review signs and symptoms of COVID-19 before heading to the pool. They should be advised to not enter the pool area if they are experiencing symptoms.
- **Permitted Pools** must maintain and adhere to all the provisions in the Delaware Public Swimming Pools Regulation.

Contact your county field office or email questions to:
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