



SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING & SANITATION PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

FACILITY NAME:	
FACILITY ADDRESS:	
FACILITY ID:	

Public swimming pool facilities shall implement all measures* listed below or be prepared to explain the measure is inapplicable to the business. This protocol must be posted in conspicuous places outside and inside the facility, and must include the name and contact information of the person(s) responsible for managing the pool facility. Yolo County's [Social Distance Protocol \(Appendix A\)](#) must also be posted.

* This is in addition to any industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California for [fitness facilities](#), [hotels](#), and [campgrounds/RV parks](#).

A. Staffing:

- A designated employee will frequently monitor the swimming pool area to ensure physical distancing is being maintained by pool users. This employee must not also serve as the lifeguard.
- All employees must be trained on this protocol.

B. Facility Requirements:

- The maximum number of bathers in the pool facility at any one time is limited to 50% of capacity or the number of people who can maintain six feet of social distance in the deck area, whichever is smaller. Pool facilities must cover the maximum capacity listed on the existing signage with the new maximum capacity, as calculated using this protocol. **Spas, hot tubs and saunas should remain closed at this time due to the challenge in maintaining six (6') feet of physical distancing.**
- If applicable, showers and shared restroom facilities have partitions and/or signs posted that specify physical distancing requirements.
- The facility must have social/physical distancing signage using the County issued template or equivalent posted at each public entrance of the pool facility to inform employees and customers that they must not enter the facility or the pool if they are sick, and must maintain a minimum six-foot distance from non-household members. **If six feet of distance cannot be maintained, a face covering must be worn.**
- Change the deck layout and other areas surrounding the pool to ensure that the standing and seating areas can support physical distancing requirements. This may require the removal of lounge chairs or taping off of areas to discourage use.
- Place tape or other markings at least six feet apart in bather line areas or any other area in the pool facility where bathers congregate, and place all seating or mark deck areas so that bathers (or household groups) know where they can remain at least six apart.

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- Provide handwashing stations stocked with soap and single use paper towels and/or hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol for bathers to use.
Describe location: _____

C. Measures to Protect Employee and Pool User Health:

- All employees must be directed not to come to work if sick. The facility shall monitor employee health at the beginning of each shift (fever, dry cough, gastrointestinal symptoms, etc.). Employees with symptoms associated with COVID-19 should be urged to seek a medical evaluation and informed that they may sign up for COVID-19 testing on the Yolo County website.
- Direct employees to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. Provide hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol where employees must use shared surfaces or be in contact with the public.
- For indoor pools, outdoor air will be introduced and circulated as much as possible while maintaining user and employee safety.

D. Sanitization:

- Sanitizer / Disinfectant and related cleaning supplies are available to all employees at the following location(s):

- Assign employee(s) to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (counters, restroom surfaces, shower areas, faucets, water fountains, handrails, pool gates if not hands free, etc.). Describe process:

- If applicable, encourage pool users to bring their own towels. If towels are provided to pool users, handle towels with disposable gloves with minimal disturbance and launder according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If applicable, provide enough pool equipment such as kickboards and pool noodles to minimize sharing. Clean and disinfect items after each use.
- The swimming pool water quality shall be tested and documented a **minimum of twice per day**.
- CDC's [Fecal Incident Response Recommendations for Aquatic Staff](#) will be followed in the event of a fecal accident.
- For pools that use chlorine disinfection, the following water quality shall be maintained:

	Minimum free chlorine level	Maximum cyanuric acid level	Maximum free chlorine	Required pH range
Swimming pool using chlorine	1.5 ppm	N/A	10 ppm	7.2 to 8.0
Swimming pool with cyanuric acid	2.0 ppm	100 ppm	10 ppm	7.2 to 8.0
Spa/Wading pool using chlorine	3.0 ppm	N/A	10 ppm	7.2 to 8.0
Spa/Wading pool with cyanuric acid	3.5 ppm	100 ppm	10 ppm	7.2 to 8.0

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Activities that promote gatherings will be avoided at this time.

Contact the following person with any questions or comments about this protocol:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone Number: _____

For questions, contact Yolo County Environmental Health (YCEH) at (530) 666-8646 or ehealth@yolocounty.org.