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**HEALTH NOTICE FOR PUBLIC POOL AND SPA OPERATIONS  
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19  
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**According to Napa County's Shelter at Home Order the use of public or semi-private (i.e., home owners' associations) swimming pools are allowed subject to the rules of the facility/association, proper maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine pursuant to an established schedule), and adherence to Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15A of the Health Order which can be found here: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2813/Shelter-at-Home-Order>**

Napa County Environmental Health (NCEH) regulates public pools and spas within Napa County. To protect the public from the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), this health notice is being sent to all regulated pool and spa owners/operators to relay precautions to take during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans by pools or spas. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Currently, public pools and spas are allowed to operate; however, **indoor pools and indoor changing areas are to remain closed until further notice. Any closed facilities, such as spas where social distancing cannot be maintained shall be properly maintained.**

**Before opening, operators must conduct a detailed risk assessment of the pool area and implement social and physical distancing and sanitation protocols which at a minimum shall comply with the attached checklist.**

Operators should also become familiar with the guidance on how to disinfect areas due to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case, and how to keep areas clean and disinfected by visiting the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

It is the responsibility of the pool owner and operator to ensure all applicable requirements are followed to protect the safety of the pool users. If operators are unable to do so, the pool should remain closed.

NCEH continues to be open to provide public services, at this time, and can be contacted by phone at (707) 253-4471 or email at [environmental@countyofnapa.org](mailto:environmental@countyofnapa.org) with any questions or concerns.

# SWIMMING GUIDELINES FOR POOL USERS

## PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS FROM COVID-19

### DO:

- Shower before entering pool area
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others to maintain social distancing
- Keep your hands clean by washing hands with soap and water, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing

### DON'T:

- Visit the pool or other public areas if you are sick with COVID-19, were recently exposed (within 14 days) to someone with COVID-19, or just don't feel well
- Visit the spa or hot tub unless social distancing can be maintained
- Gather in groups with anyone outside your household

### STAY INFORMED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>
- Napa County- COVID-19: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2739/Coronavirus>
  - (707) 253-4540