

Regulatory / Medical Health Services Environmental Health Division – Pool Safety Program

Coronavirus COVID-19 Guidance for Multi-Unit Housing Pool Facilities

Many property managers and homeowners' associations (HOAs) have chosen to close pools, spas and barbeque areas in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect residents. When an HOA, property management company or property manager opens their pool upon State Order modification, the guidance below should be followed:

DISINFECTION PLAN

- Create a written disinfection plan that identifies frequently touched surfaces, a cleaning schedule, and the designated person to complete the disinfection tasks.
- Only use <u>EPA approved disinfectant</u> on commonly touched surfaces such as:
 - o Gates, latches, tables, chairs, drinking fountains, pool handrails and countertops.
 - o Restroom door handles, light switches, toilets, faucets and dispensers.

SIGNAGE

- Post signs instructing residents to swim *only* with members of their household, and maintain a safe distance of 6 feet or greater from other users.
- Post signage reminding residents to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, cover coughs and sneezes, and to avoid the pool area if they are experiencing symptoms of illness including a fever of 100°F or above, sore throat, runny nose, chills, sneezing, coughing, abdominal pain or diarrhea.

IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS AND HAND HYGIENE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lower the pool occupancy to reduce crowding and ensure 6 feet of distance between users.
- Prohibit parties or gatherings in all common areas including the pool.
- Implement scheduled time slots for use on the busiest days to control the flow of users.
- Close the spa or limit use to 1 person or household at a time.
- Rearrange or remove some furniture to provide adequate spacing.
- Remind residents to wear a cloth face covering when traveling through common areas of the
 property where it may not be possible to maintain physical distancing, including to and from the
 barbeque area and restrooms.
- Provide, or ask that residents bring, a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Frequently check restrooms to ensure they are stocked with hand soap and paper towels.

For questions, please call (714) 433-6000. You can also find guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for social distancing and facility/surface disinfection procedures at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html.