

APPENDIX F
POOL and HOT TUB COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

1. CAPACITY

- a. Operators must limit pool and hot tub capacity to the degree necessary for unassociated pool users to maintain at least 6 feet from other pool users.
- b. Facilities must determine and post the reduced bather load capacity limits.
- c. Facilities must have a system in place to restrict additional users when the pool or hot tub has reached capacity.

2. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- a. Patrons and staff must maintain at least 6-foot distancing from unassociated pool users (i.e., from those swimmers who are not family members or who did not come to the pool together), unless they are in a static, associated pool user group of up to 50 people indoors or up to 100 people outdoors. The requirement to distance applies in the pool, on the deck, in waiting areas, in dressing rooms, and while waiting in line.
- b. Members of an associated group may come closer than 6 feet to other people in that group. However, the membership of that group, at least for that day, must be static.
- c. Deck tables and chairs must be spaced far enough apart to facilitate 6-foot distancing. The 6-foot distance is not table-to-table, but rather measured between seated unassociated pool guests.

3. VISIBLE CUES

- a. Facilities must use visible cues to alert patrons of the distancing requirements and to show the required 6-foot separation, both in the pool and in other areas of the facility.

4. PRE-SHIFT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

- a. Employers must take steps to ensure that employees and volunteers know the symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- b. Employees and volunteers exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms (even mild symptoms) are prohibited from being present in the workplace.

5. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

- a. Staff must clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- b. Facilities must use an EPA-approved disinfectant effective against SARS-2 viruses. Pool water is not an approved disinfectant.

6. SIGNS

- a. In addition to the required face coverings signs, pools and hot tubs must post signs at the entrances with the following wording: "Patrons with COVID-19 symptoms (even mild symptoms) must refrain from using the pool or hot tub."

7. LIFEGUARDS

- a. Lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding must not be expected to monitor adherence to face covering or physical distancing requirements.
- b. Lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding are exempt from face covering requirements if they maintain at least 6 feet from other people and wearing a face covering will hinder their ability to lifeguard.
- c. Pools should follow certification agency COVID-19 recommendations for lifeguard rescues and first aid during the pandemic.

8. EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

An event or gathering taking place in or outside a facility must meet the requirements in the Health Board rule and Appendix A.

9. FACE COVERINGS

Facilities must ensure customers, clients, patrons, staff, volunteers, and others wear face coverings as required by Section 4 “Mandatory Use of Face Coverings” of the Health Board rule.