



HOUSTON HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

Keeping Swimming Fun and Safe

COVID-19 Guidance for Public
Swimming Pools & Spas

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

There is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread to people through water used in pools, hot tubs, or water playgrounds. Proper operations and disinfection should kill the virus that causes COVID-19. Promoting behaviors that prevent the spread is important for all aquatic facilities.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Educate staff and patrons about when to stay home. Designate a staff member for responding to COVID-19 related concerns.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with approved disinfectants.
- Monitor and maintain all water quality parameters
Free Chlorine – pools 1.0 - 8.0 ppm **Ideal:** 2.0 – 3.0 ppm
Free Chlorine – spas 2.0 -8.0 ppm **Ideal:** 3.0 – 5.0 ppm
Bromine – pools 2.5 -12.0 ppm **Ideal:** 2.5 – 6.0 ppm
Bromine – spas 4.5-12.0 ppm **Ideal:** 5.5 – 7.5 ppm
pH: 7.0-7.8 **Ideal:** 7.4-7.6
- Modify layout of the facility to promote social distancing and introduce physical barriers and guides to prohibit gatherings.
- Disinfect and clean shared furniture, equipment, towels, and clothing.
- Use lifeguards for water safety only. Other staff should monitor handwashing, use of face coverings and social distancing of others.

Maximum Number of Users in Pool at Any Time

Take the length times width of the shallow area (less than 5ft) and divide by 15 and for the deep area (5ft or greater) divide by 25.

Shallow, instructional beginning, or wading areas	Deep area (not including diving area)	Diving area (per each diving board)
15 sq. ft. water surface area per user	25 sq. ft. water surface area per user	300 sq. ft. water surface area per user

Additional Information

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Links to guidance documents can be found at
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Mantenga la natación divertida y segura

Guía sobre COVID-19 para
piscinas públicas y jacuzzi



Lo que debes saber

No hay evidencia de que el virus COVID-19 se transmita a través del agua de las piscinas, jacuzzi o parques acuáticos. Buena sanitización deberá eliminar por completo el virus COVID-19. Promover medidas que combatan el virus es vida.

Que debrias hacer

- Educa a los empleados y patronos sobre cuando deberíamos quedarnos en casa.
- Designar a un miembro del personal para responder a las preguntas relacionadas con COVID-19
- Limpia y desinfecta con detergentes aprobados las áreas que comúnmente tocamos.
- Monitorea y mantenga los parámetros de calidad del agua.
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- Modifica el diseño de las facilidades tomando en cuenta el distanciamiento social. Introducir barreras físicas y guías para prohibir las reuniones
- Limpia y desinfecte muebles, equipos, ropa, toallas o cualquier cosa que compartamos.
- El salvavidas es solo para emergencias acuáticas. Designe un personal para el monitoreo de lavado de manos, uso de mascarillas y distanciamiento social.

Como medir la capacidad de usuarios en las piscinas

Mida el largo por ancho de las zonas llanas de la piscinas (menos de 5 pies) y divida por 12. Para las zonas profunda de la alberca (5 pies o mayor) divida por 25.

Áreas poco profundas, de vadeo o principiantes	Áreas profundas (no incluye zona de clavados)	Zona de clavados(por cada tabla de clavados)
15 ft ² .La superficie del agua por usuario	25 ft ² .La superficie del agua por usuario	300 ft ² .La superficie del agua por usuario

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