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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH

Office of Health Services

To: All Recreational Bathing Facilities, Pool Operators, and/or Management Companies
Date: 04/22/2021
Re: Pool/Spa Openings 2021

We wanted to take the time to provide you with the following updates regarding Pool & Spa openings for the summer. At the current time under the Executive Orders of the Governor of New Jersey all recreational bathing facilities will be permitted to open and **must continue to follow Covid-19 protocols**. The Department of Health has released NJ COVID-19 Outdoor Pool Standards which can be found on our website or the link below. Please see the following guidelines for all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Middlesex County Office of Health Services.

https://nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/Guidance_for_Operating_Pool_Bathing_Facilities_During_COVID-19.pdf

1. Onsite pre-operational inspections will only be conducted pending availability of local inspector(s).
2. All facilities must complete the Pre-Operational Checklist for Recreational Bathing Facilities and CB-20 Forms (available on our website) and submit for review to this department prior to opening. There must be a hard copy of all documents at each site.
3. Outdoor Pools and Spas should be uncovered, water cleared, and maintenance completed as necessary. All necessary repairs should be addressed as needed prior to opening.
4. Lab samples must be taken and **satisfactory results** provided to this department prior to opening.
5. All facilities should obtain their local electrical inspections and or Bonding and Grounding certifications prior to opening. As well as any meeting any municipal licensing requirements.
6. A COVID-19 Pool Operation Prevention Plan must be written and provided on site for inspection.
7. **Operational inspections will be conducted based on availability of the local inspector(s)**. You will be expected to be in full compliance with the NJ State Recreational Bathing Code NJAC 8:26. If you are found to be in non-compliance necessary enforcement action will be taken.

Please take the time prior to opening make sure all facilities are cleaned and up to code and in compliance with NJAC 8:26, including but not limited to deck areas, fencing, and pump room storage. Also make sure all necessary equipment is on site.

Any additional information that is provided in the future along with this document will be posted to our website at <http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/PSH/Pages/Office-of-Health-Services.aspx>

If you have any questions you can call our Main Office at 732-745-3100 and ask for an Inspections Division Supervisor.

Thank You.

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