



June 15, 2020 Update (#152)

To: Board Members  
From: Charles H. Greenthal Management Corp.  
Re: NYS DOH Guidance for Pools

Be advised, on June 12, 2020, the New York State Department of Health released the following [interim guidelines](#) for pools and recreational aquatic spray grounds. Should the board decide to reopen the pool facilities, please be mindful of the following guidelines and consider updating your Pool Use Regulations and or House Rules to bolster your ability to enforce them.

*“All indoor and outdoor swimming pools and recreational aquatic spray grounds that are subject to the operating conditions defined in New York State Sanitary Code are permitted to operate for members of the public during the COVID-19 public health emergency so long as the owners/operators adhere to any applicable Executive Orders and the following NYSDOH restrictions:”*

- **Social Distancing:** Social distancing protocols must be followed (*unless the group consists of members of the same household or family unit, or safety requires a shorter distance*)
  - *Affix social distancing markers* using tape or signs that denote six feet of spacing in commonly used and other applicable areas on the site (e.g. entrances, exits); and
  - *Post signage* throughout the premise to remind individuals to:
    - *stay home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or were exposed through close contact to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days,*
    - *encourage proper hand and respiratory hygiene,*
    - *adhere to social distancing rules,*
    - *wear appropriate use of face coverings, and*
    - *abide by cleaning and disinfecting protocols.*
- **Face Coverings:** when unable to maintain 6 feet distance from individuals (other than household members) or when not in the water) face coverings must be used or kept on hand in the event someone unexpectedly comes within 6-feet.
  - *For health and safety reasons, face coverings are NOT to be work while in the water*
- **Density Thresholds:** Limit the maximum size of any single group of people on the premise or in the water to 10 or fewer individuals; however, there may be more than one group on premise or in water so long as they are able to be separated by at least six feet;
  - *Occupancy of the premise and pool* should be limited to the number of individuals and groups who can be safely and appropriately spaced such that each individual and group is at least six feet away from others.
  - *Ensure different groups of people are separated by at least six feet* on the premise or in the water, to the extent possible.
  - *However, if physical barriers are used to separate groups of individuals, they must not present a health or safety risk by obstructing supervision or impairing air flow, heating, cooling, or ventilation.*
- **Promote Handwashing & Sanitizing:** Provide supplies for proper hand and respiratory hygiene, including soap, running water, and disposable paper towels; alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing facilities may not be available or practical; and tissues and trash receptacles;
- **Cleaning Protocols:** Enhance cleaning and disinfection protocols, in compliance with all cleaning and disinfection procedures from NYSDOH, particularly cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas, including railings, lockers, and chairs, and maintaining logs on site that document date, time, and scope of cleaning and disinfection.

Management will continue to monitor and keep you abreast of any new information or guidelines as they become available.

Stay Safe and Be Well.