



Swimming Facility Guidelines

Restore Illinois – Phase 3

This document is intended to provide guidance to businesses operating swimming facilities that are licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) during Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan. This includes, but is not limited to, swimming pools, water parks, splashpads, bathing, beaches, spas, and whirlpools.

During Phase 3, swimming facilities licensed by IDPH are not to be opened except for lap swimming, diving, swimming lessons, swim team practices, and therapy pool use. Water parks and bathing beaches are not to be opened in Phase 3.

Swimming facilities licensed to serve food may do so for curb-side pickup, delivery, or outdoor dining consistent with Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) guidelines; indoor on-site consumption is not permitted.

Operators should display signage at entry with guidelines for face coverings, social distancing, and cleaning protocols. Operators should provide updates to employees and customers on COVID-19 and swimming facility policies via its website or social media channels. Clubhouses, playgrounds, waiting areas, viewing areas, and any other communal gathering places should be closed. Showers and restrooms should be made available but should be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Operators should minimize face-to-face employee and customer interaction where possible. Operators should clean and sanitize common areas and frequently touched surfaces on a regular basis.

Operators should make employee and customer temperature checks available. Operators should have in person screenings of employees and customers upon entry into the swimming facility, and mid-shift screening of employees, to verify the absence of COVID-19 symptoms. If an employee does contract COVID-19, they should remain isolated at home for a minimum of 10 days after symptom onset. Employees can be released after feeling well and feverless (without fever-reducing medication) for a least 72 hours OR have two negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart. If a customer is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, they should leave the facility. If an employee or customer is identified as COVID-19 positive, cleaning



and disinfecting should be performed in accordance to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Operators should limit group sizes to no more than 10 people, allowing for social distancing where possible. However, multiple groups of up to 10 people may be permitted if: facilities allow for social distancing of guests and employees; 30 feet of distancing is maintained between groups; and areas for each group are clearly marked to discourage interaction between groups.

Operators, employees, and customers should wear face coverings when not engaged in swimming activities (exceptions can be made for children younger than two years or people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering.) Operators, employees, and customers should frequently wash their hands or use hand sanitizer. Operators, employees, and customers should adhere to social distancing where applicable.

Additional Resources:

- [Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [CDC Workplace Decision Tool](#)
- [IDPH Testing Guidance](#)
- [IDPH FAQs](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)
- [IDHR FAQ for Businesses Concerning Use of Face-Coverings During COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Guidelines on Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)
- [CDC Guidance on Cleaning Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- [EPA Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](#)