Pool Contamination Response Protocol

☣️ Fecal, Vomit, or Biohazard Event Procedures

# I. Immediate Response

- ☐ Clear the pool immediately and evacuate all swimmers  
- ☐ Identify the type of contamination (formed stool, diarrhea, vomit, blood)  
- ☐ Close the affected pool and post signage  
- ☐ Notify supervisor and document the time of incident  
- ☐ Remove visible contamination using a net/skimmer — DO NOT vacuum

# II. Disinfection Procedure

\*\*Formed Stool:\*\*  
- ☐ Maintain free chlorine at 2 ppm or higher  
- ☐ Maintain pH between 7.2–7.5  
- ☐ Ensure proper circulation for 30 minutes before reopening  
  
\*\*Diarrhea or Vomit:\*\*  
- ☐ Raise free chlorine to 20 ppm  
- ☐ Maintain pH 7.2–7.5  
- ☐ Circulate water for \*\*13 hours\*\* minimum  
- ☐ Backwash filter after disinfection period ends  
- ☐ Record time disinfection started and completed

# III. Cleanup & Documentation

- ☐ Dispose of contaminated material properly (biohazard bag)  
- ☐ Clean and disinfect pool deck area where incident occurred  
- ☐ Document all chemical adjustments  
- ☐ Complete incident report and submit to facility director  
- ☐ Log time pool was reopened  
- ☐ Notify maintenance if additional sanitation is required

# IV. Communication

- ☐ Inform staff of situation and response timeline  
- ☐ Notify patrons if necessary (template email available)  
- ☐ Update signage when pool is reopened