

While there is currently no evidence that COVID-19 can survive in properly disinfected swimming pool water,; the virus can be spread in and around swimming pool environment through person-to-person contact and contact with contaminated surfaces. CDC advisories related to social distancing, staying home while sick, routine disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, frequent handwashing and/or hand sanitizer use, and other personal protection guidance should be operational considerations for your facility.

Pools Recommended Guidance

Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (with chlorine or bromine) of swimming pools should kill the virus that causes COVID-19. The most important thing pools can do to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 is adhering to social distancing and disinfecting guidelines.

Social Distancing

- Have proper spacing of pool chairs/loungers of at least six (6') feet of distance between families.
- Try to limit lines as much as possible.
- Try to encourage and maintain groups of ten (10) people or less.
- Signage should be posted to remind patrons not to enter when they are sick and encourage to adhere to social distancing recommendations.

Cleanliness

- Offer plenty of hand sanitizer in various locations and encourage usage.
- Keep restrooms stocked with soap and/or hand sanitizer.
- Routinely clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces such as ladders, handrails, entrance gates or admission gates, kiosks/patron input devices, cashier points of sales, pool furniture, dining areas, restrooms, light switches, doorknobs, etc. If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water before disinfecting..
- Pre-screen employees before their shift.

Gyms Recommended Guidance

The most important thing gyms can do to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 is adhering to social distancing and disinfecting guidelines. Follow guidelines for All Businesses

Social Distancing

- Maintain at least six (6') feet of distance between individuals.
- If six (6') feet of distance cannot be maintained between employee and client, employees should wear a mask.
- Sharing of equipment in classes is discouraged unless adequate cleaning between each individual is performed.
- Gym staff should keep a log of daily attendees with contact information to assist in contact tracing, if necessary.
- If personal training must take place within a 6-foot distance, screen customers for illness upon entering facility.
- Adjust class and personal training schedules to allow for cleaning and disinfecting between classes and clients.
- Spread equipment to maintain a distance of 6-foot, between machines. Barriers between equipment may be installed for addition protection, if desired.
- Utilize signage to customers/barriers and floor/seat markers to encourage customers to adhere to social distancing recommendations.

Cleanliness

- Offer plenty of hand sanitizer in various locations and encourage usage.
- Ensure proper cleaning of equipment between individuals.
- Keep restrooms stocked with soap and/or hand sanitizer.
- Routinely clean and disinfect restrooms daily or more if possible. You may want to increase cleaning of high-touched surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs, and light switches.
- Pre-screen employees before their shift.