

Guidance for Aquatic Venues



The material included in this guidance document will assist establishments in Clark County as they prepare to reopen after the Governor's order to close these establishments has been lifted. These recommendations, in association with those provided by the Governor's Office and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will prepare the facility for routine operation that will continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

After many weeks of mandatory shutdown of your aquatic venue(s), you may have questions regarding how best to return to normal operation. Below is information that you may find helpful in reopening your establishment.

[Visit nvhealthresponse.nv.gov to download the latest industry-specific guidance from the State of Nevada](https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov)

Social Distancing

- Please make sure your facility staff and bathers are following current state and CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, proper cleaning of equipment and surfaces, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. Monitor guests in the pool enclosure and consider the need to temporarily close if social distancing practices cannot be supported. Post signs discouraging groups from gathering in numbers larger than those currently recommended or allowed.
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Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Make sure that all surfaces, both inside and outside of the aquatic facility, are properly disinfected using an EPA-registered disinfectant that is proven to eliminate COVID-19. It is important to use the disinfectant according to the product directions, paying special attention to the contact time. The item you are cleaning must remain wet with the disinfectant for the designated contact time to kill the COVID-19 virus. Surfaces to treat include restrooms, handrails, furniture, light switches, doors/gates, etc. Disinfectants that have been registered with the EPA can be found at [EPA List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](#). CDC guidelines on how to clean and disinfect your facility can be found at the [CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#) page.
 - If your aquatic venue is properly disinfected, COVID-19 cannot survive in the water. Make sure your facility's Southern Nevada Health District-qualified operator is continuing proper servicing of all aquatic venues including proper chemical balancing and maintaining circulation equipment. If you have additional questions about COVID-19 in aquatic venues you can review the [CDC Water and COVID-19 FAQs](#).
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Qualified Operator Card

- During the shutdown, the Health District suspended pool operator card services with no penalty for expired renewals. If facility staff members need a qualified operator card or renewal, obtain or renew the card within 30 days of returning to normal business operations. Operator card services are available at our Health District facility located inside the City of Las Vegas Development Services Center at 333 N. Rancho Rd. on the 4th floor. Contact our Aquatic Health office at (702) 759-0572, if you have any questions about operator cards.

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Regulatory Reminders

- As of July 1, 2019, all facilities must be in compliance with the 2018 SNHD Aquatic Facility Regulations. Health District Regulations can be found at [Aquatic Facility Regulations](#).
- Aquatic venues must always keep cyanuric acid levels below 100 parts per million (ppm). Facilities found to have cyanuric acid above 100 ppm will be immediately closed with associated fees.
- All lifeguard staff must have valid certifications that are available for Health District staff to view during inspections. The 2018 SNHD Aquatic Facility Regulations also require lifeguard supervisors to have certifications as well.
- All facilities that require lifeguards must submit lifeguard staffing plans to the Health District for review. If you have not submitted your lifeguard staffing plan or you have not received an approved lifeguard staffing plan from your Health District inspector, your aquatic venue(s) may be subject to delayed opening for the 2020 season.

**If you have questions on how to properly reopen your aquatic facility,
please contact SNHD Aquatic Health at aquatic@snhd.org or (702) 759-0572.**