April 28, 2020

To Pinellas County Hotel, Motel, HOA, Condo, Apartment and Other Community Pool Owners and Operators:

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners voted today to allow community pools to reopen at 50% of their posted capacity as of Thursday, April 30, at 6 a.m. This notice and informational packet are provided to you to ensure you have the latest information and can comply with the orders.

You are not required to open your pool – that decision is up to you and your members. If you do choose to open your pool and deck, all users must follow CDC social distancing guidelines by staying six feet away from anyone they don't live with and not congregating in groups of more than ten people. As mentioned, pool facilities must limit their occupancy to 50% of their posted capacity.

DOH effective pool sanitation procedures are enclosed; please review and ensure compliance. We have also enclosed signage templates you can print and post at entrances to your pools.

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies, as well as local law enforcement officers, will verify compliance throughout the county and respond to any tips sent to the Sheriff's Tip Line, 727-582-TIPS (8477).

If you have questions about this policy, you can contact the Pinellas County Citizen Information Center from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation as we help keep our community safe.

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Dear Pool Operator,

On 4/28/2020, The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners voted to allow the reopening of public pools in Pinellas County on Thursday, April 30th, 2020, starting at 6:00 A.M. Below is a check list to be performed prior to re-opening your pool for use:

Ensure that your "Pool Rules" sign clearly states the <u>approved bathing load of your pool.</u> Until further notice, the number of patrons in and around the pool area <u>must not exceed 50% of your bathing load.</u>

1. Perform a walk-around of the pool deck. Ensure the 4-foot wet deck area is clean and clear of any debris or any obstructions.
    a. Observe pool water and confirm water is clear and the main drain grate cover can be easily seen. Make sure the water is clean and free of dirt and debris.
    b. If they have been removed, place lifesaving equipment (life ring and safety hook) back on the pool deck in an easily seen and accessible spot.
    c. If the pool requires one, make sure safety lines are installed and all floats are intact.
    d. Ensure all gates self-close and self-latch.
    e. Test the water chemistry. Confirm chlorine levels are between 1-10 ppm pools, 2-10 ppm for spas, and pH is between 7.2-7.8. If stabilizer/cyanuric acid is used make sure it is below 100 ppm for pools, 40 ppm for spas. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends cyanuric acid levels stay below 15 ppm to avoid the spread of Cryptosporidium.
    f. Check the pool water level to ensure the water's surface is being properly skimmed. For pools with gutters the water should barely break over the edge of the gutter beam. For skimmers the water level should be at the midpoint of the skimmer opening.
    g. Make sure vacuum port covers are installed.
    h. Ensure pool rules sign is posted and easily visible from all areas of the pool.
    i. Remove any solar blankets from pool.
    j. Check handrails, ladders, diving boards, etc. to ensure they are securely installed.

2. Check pool equipment to ensure all items are functioning properly
    a. Ensure pool recirculation pump is capable of running at least 3 hours before the pool opens to 3 hours after the pool is closed.
    b. Check the pool flow rate. Ensure the minimum required flow rate to 20% above this flow rate is maintained. If you are unsure of what the required flow rate for your pool is, this information may be found on your most recent pool permit or pool inspection report. Alternatively, you may get in touch with our pool program coordinator, Caitlin Eades, and she can find this information for you.
    c. Clean or back wash filters to remove any build-up of dirt or debris.

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     d. Check to ensure chemical feeders are electrically interlocked with the pool recirculation pump. Any time the pool recirculation pump(s) are off the chemical feeders should also turn off.
     e. Ensure anti-entrapment devices are installed and working properly. Most anti-entrapment device manufacturers require periodic testing of their devices to ensure they do not fail.

3. Ensure proper cleaning/distancing measures are in place
     a. Clean and disinfect all hard surfaces of pool furniture, gate latches, handrails, and any other surface subject to patron contact prior to opening the pool each day and at regular intervals while the pool is open.
     b. Clean and disinfect restrooms prior to opening and at regular intervals while the pool is open.
     c. All persons not part of the same family unit must remain at least six feet apart.
     d. Ill patrons should not be permitted in the pool or on the deck area.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with Caitlin Eades at 727-275-6499 or via email at Caitlin.Eades@flhealth.gov.
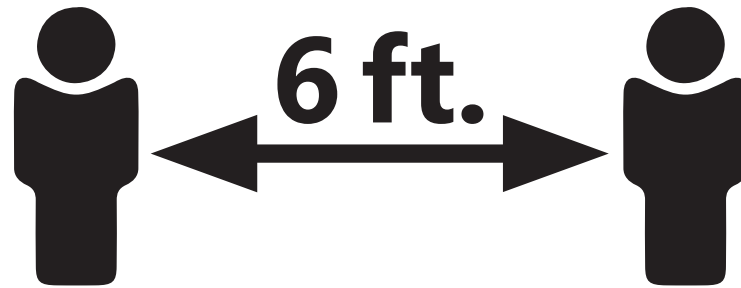
Sincerely,

Chuck Minor, REHS
Environmental Administrator
Florida Department of Health-Pinellas

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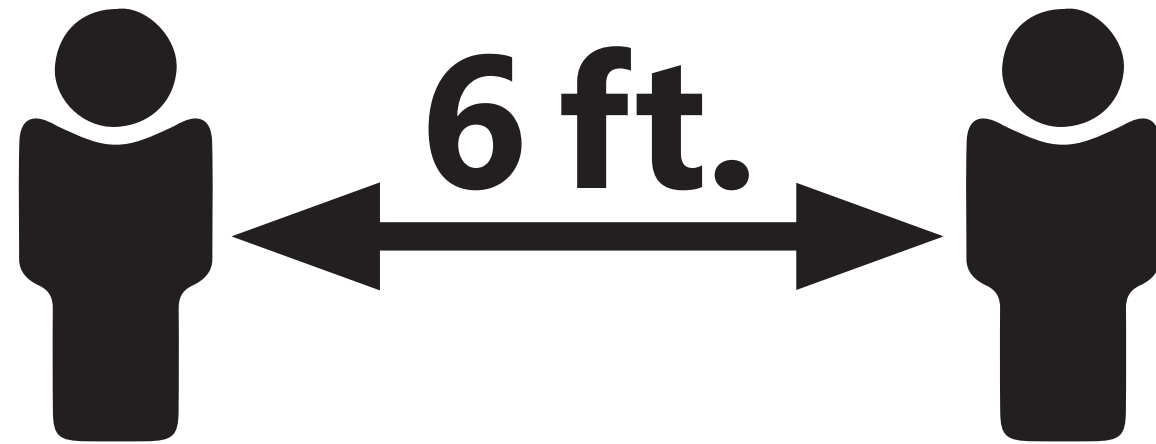**No groups of more than 10 people.**
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