



County of Santa Cruz

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC POOL OPERATIONS

RESPONSE TO COVID 19

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Due to the recent changes in the states order and our counties alignment with the state, our local health officer has lifted restrictions for other activities such as public pool usage. Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Division (EHD), regulates these facilities and is providing this information to owners/operators to help protect the public from the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no proven evidence that COVID-19 can be transmitted to humans by pool water at this time. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection should provide means to inactivate the virus in the water that causes COVID-19. At this point, pool facilities and outdoor spas can open if operators adhere to the guidelines attached in this notice. If at any point operation does not meet these criteria, it shall remain closed until further notice.

Please note, INDOOR spa/hot tubs are NOT allowed to open to the public.

Prior to opening, owners/operators are required to conduct a risk-based assessment of the pool area and implement these guidelines.

Additionally, owners/operators should engage with guidance on how to disinfect areas due to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case by using this website as a tool:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

Please note, it is the responsibility of the facilities owner/operator to ensure all applicable requirement are complied with to protect public usage. If the owner/operators are unable to meet these requirements the facility should remain closed.

Santa Cruz County EHD is open and available to provide services throughout this process by phone (831) 454-2022, email at env.hlth@santacruzcounty.us or by appointment at 701 Ocean Street Room 312, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.