

Talking Points for New Regulations

Regulations and tools may be found on Department Web Page under swimming pool program/regulations.

Changes in disinfectant levels

Proper disinfectant level:

Free available chlorine (FAC) must be ≥ 1.0 ppm for venues not using cyanuric acid; FAC ≥ 2.0 ppm for venues using cyanuric acid; FAC ≥ 3.0 ppm for spas; FAC shall not exceed 10.0 ppm at any time the aquatic venue is open to bathers.

Bromine ≥ 3.0 ppm for pools (≥ 4.0 for spas); failure to provide the minimum disinfectant residual levels listed results in immediate closure. Bromine shall not exceed 8.0 ppm at any time the aquatic venue is open to bathers.

Diaper Changing Stations

Diaper changing stations for all aquatic venues that allow diaper age children. Diaper changing stations must be in both male and female bathrooms or in a unisex bathroom with hand washing and disinfectant available for cleaning after each use.

Plans

All Aquatic Facilities must have Operation, Safety, Emergency and Training Plans on file at facility. There is a template on DWS and pool website. Please print and hand out at your first inspection of each pool they must be in place within one year of initial inspection.

Lifeguards

The rules have changed on number of lifeguards. Now based on the 10/20 rule, view area of responsibility in 10 seconds and get to bather in distress in 20 seconds. Need lifeguard location plan and area of responsibility on file. New list of facilities requiring lifeguards.

- 1 For new construction occurring from August 1, 2016, any aquatic venue deeper than 5 feet.
- 2 Any aquatic venue that allows for unsupervised children under the age 14 years.
- 3 Any aquatic venue while it is being used for recreation of youth groups, including but not limited to childcare usage or school groups.

4 Replaced in the MAHC with: When swim teams and swimming exercise classes are the only users of an aquatic facility, in lieu of qualified lifeguard the owner may allow substitution of coach attendant, who is certified by American Red Cross or an equivalent organization in first aid and CPR.

5 Any aquatic venue with a configuration in which any point on the aquatic venue surface exceeds 30 feet from the nearest deck.

6 Any aquatic venue with an induced current or wave action including but not limited to wave pools and lazy rivers.

7 Waterslides landing pools. Not run outs.

8 any aquatic venue in which bathers enter the water from any height above the deck including but not limited to diving boards, drop slides, starting platforms and/or climbing walls.

Automatic Disinfectant and PH controllers

All aquatic venues are required within two years of August 1, 2016 to install and have in operation on every vessel an automated disinfectant and PH controller (ORP). The only venue not requiring a automated controller would be a spry pad that does not recirculate the water and it goes to waste.

Qualified Operators

A qualified operator shall be on-site or immediately available within two hours during all hours of operation at an aquatic facility that has:

1 More than two aquatic venues

2 An aquatic venue of over 50,000 gallons of water

3 Aquatic venues that include aquatic features with recirculated water

4 An aquatic venue used as a therapy pool

5 An aquatic venue used to provide swimming training.

6 Permitted bather count is greater than 200

7 Operated by a municipality or school

All other aquatic facilities shall have an on-site qualified operator immediately available within two hours or a contract with a qualified operator for a minimum of weekly visits and assistance whenever needed.