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HEALTH NOTICE FOR PUBLIC POOL AND SPA OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Shasta County Environmental Health Division (SCEHD) regulates public pools and spas within Shasta County. To protect the public from the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), this health notice is being sent to all regulated pool and spa owners/operators to relay precautions to take during the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans by pools or spas. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Currently, pools can operate if they remain in compliance with the Executive Orders from the State, guidelines from the CDC, and the California Pool Code. **Spas shall remain closed until further notice based on modifications of the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order. This is because they are often crowded and can easily exceed restrictions for gatherings.** Even while the spas are not in use they shall still be maintained properly.

Public pools shall be maintained per the following:

- Chemicals in the pool shall be maintained per the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22 Section 65529 and 65530.
- Disinfectant residuals and pH shall be tested at least once per day to ensure the chemicals are maintained properly. If the operator notices the chemicals are out of the appropriate range, the pool shall be closed and remain closed until the chemicals are returned to the correct levels.
- In consideration of the ongoing community spread of COVID-19, there shall be appropriate care taken both inside and outside the pool. This includes maintaining the social distancing requirement of six feet.
- Frequently touched and used surfaces (e.g., handrails, door handles, chairs, and restrooms) shall be sanitized regularly and thoroughly.
- Post notices as a reminder that individuals who are sick with COVID-19, were recently (within 14 days) exposed, to someone with COVID-19, or just don't feel well, should not visit the pool area.
- Operators should also become familiar with the guidance on how to disinfect areas due to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19, and how to keep areas clean and disinfected by visiting the following website:

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

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- To reduce the potential for gatherings, operators may want to have a schedule for pool users where they can sign up for time slots to use the pool.
- A template for the notice that should be posted on the exterior side of gates and doors leading into the pool enclosure area is available at <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/ehd>

It is the responsibility of the pool owner and operator to ensure these and all applicable requirements are followed to protect the safety of the pool users. If operators are unable to do so, the pool should remain closed.

SCEHD continues to be open to provide public services, at this time, and can be contacted by phone at (530) 225-5787 or email at scehd@co.shasta.ca.us with any questions or concerns.