

SAFER AT HOME: PHASE THREE
SWIMMING POOLS

SCOPE: Indoor and outdoor swimming pools and water slides.

PHASE 3: Establishments must either implement the following mandatory requirements or remain closed.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

Businesses must strictly adhere to the physical distancing guidelines, enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices, and enhanced workplace safety practices provided in the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors” document. If businesses choose to open, they must adhere to the following additional requirements for outdoor operations:

- ✓ Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, a positive diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the prior 10 days, or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted in the establishment.
- ✓ Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for [high-risk individuals](#), and staying home if sick (samples at bottom of this document).
- ✓ Hot tubs, spas, saunas, splash pads, spray pools, and interactive play features, except water slides, must be closed.
- ✓ Facilities that operate water slides must ensure physical distancing of at least 10 feet between patrons who are not members of the same household while waiting in line to use the slide.
- ✓ Indoor and outdoor swimming pools may be open at up to 75% occupancy, if applicable, provided ten feet of physical distance may be maintained between patrons not of the same household. Free swim is allowed.
- ✓ Swimming instruction and water exercise classes must be limited to allow all participants to maintain ten feet of physical distance where practicable. Parents or guardians may support a participant during class, and instructors may have contact with swimmers when necessary.

- ✓ Seating may be provided on pool decks with at least ten feet of spacing between persons who are not members of the same household.
- ✓ Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, such as using [CDC Use of Cloth Face Coverings guidance](#). Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.
- ✓ Promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons entering into the place of employment with a place to wash their hands. This is particularly important when patrons are using shared equipment that is not easily cleaned or disinfected between use (e.g. slide ladders, climbing rope, exercise bands). If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers. Additional hand hygiene requirements for Virginia employees and employers can be found in the Department of Labor and Industry's [Emergency Temporary Standard](#). Further hand hygiene guidance can be found on the [CDC website](#). A CDC training video is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html>.
- ✓ Facilities should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the facility. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Children should be screened per the CDC guidance for screening children. Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

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[CDC Symptoms English](#)

[Spanish CDC Symptoms](#)

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