TN Department of Health

COVID-19

Public Swimming Pool Operator and Staff Guidance

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a rapidly spreading respiratory disease in humans caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that is now circulating worldwide.

What Are the Symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Can COVID-19 Virus Spread Through Pools & Hot Tubs?

 There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.

What Can Pool Operators and Staff Do to Protect Employees & Customers?

- Do not work if you are experiencing any symptoms or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Actively screen customers for symptoms
- Clean and sanitize high touch point areas, such as handrails, key cards, door and faucet handles, etc. frequently using EPA approved chemicals:
 - https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectantsuse-against-sars-cov-2
- Encourage distance between people on the premises—6 feet or more is ideal

For more information please visit:

- Tennessee Department of Health (TDH): www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov