

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

1. Perform a walk-around of the pool deck. Ensure the 4-foot wet deck area is clean and clear of any debris or any obstructions.
 - Observe pool water and confirm water is clear and the main drain grate cover can be easily seen. Make sure the water is clean and free of dirt and debris.
 - If they have been removed, place lifesaving equipment (life ring and safety hook) back on the pool deck in an easily seen and accessible spot.
 - If the pool requires one, make sure safety lines are installed and all floats are intact.
 - Ensure all pool area entry gates and doors self-close and self-latch.
 - Test the water chemistry. Confirm chlorine levels are between 1-10 ppm pools, 2-10 ppm for spas (if bromine, 3-10 ppm), and pH is from 7.2 to 7.8. If stabilizer/cyanuric acid is used make sure it is below 100 ppm for pools, 40 ppm for spas. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends cyanuric acid levels stay below 15 ppm to avoid the spread of illness caused by *Cryptosporidium*.
 - Check the pool water level to ensure the water's surface is being properly skimmed. For pools with gutters the water should barely break over the edge of the gutter beam. For skimmers the water level should be at the midpoint of the skimmer opening.
 - Make sure vacuum port covers are installed.
 - Ensure pool rules sign is posted and easily visible from all areas of the pool.
 - Remove any solar blankets from pool.
 - Check handrails, ladders, diving boards, etc. to ensure they are securely installed.
2. Check pool equipment to ensure all items are functioning properly
 - Ensure pool recirculation pump is set to run at least 3 hours before the pool opens to 3 hours after the pool is closed (24 hours/day for vacuum DE filters).
 - Check the pool flow rate. Ensure the minimum required flow rate is maintained up to no more than 20% above this flow rate. If you are unsure of what the required flow rate for your pool is, this information may be found on your most recent pool permit or pool inspection report. Alternatively, you may get in touch with our pool program coordinator, who can find this information for you.
 - Clean or back wash filters to remove any build-up of dirt or debris.
 - Check to ensure chemical feeders are electrically interlocked with the pool recirculation pump. Any time the pool recirculation pump(s) are off the chemical feeders should also turn off.
 - Ensure anti-entrapment devices are installed and working properly. Most anti-entrapment device manufacturers require periodic testing of their devices to ensure they do not fail.
3. Ensure proper CDC cleaning/distancing measures are in place
 - Clean and disinfect all hard surfaces of pool furniture, gate latches, handrails, and any other surface subject to patron contact prior to opening the pool each day and at regular intervals while the pool is open.
 - Clean and disinfect restrooms prior to opening and at regular intervals while the pool is open.
 - Patrons that are ill should not be permitted in the pool or on the deck area.

Executive Orders are not enforced by the Department of Health

- Please contact local law enforcement to verify guidelines for re-opening.