

MEDIA ADVISORY

Essential Pool Care during COVID-19

The Center for Disease Control says that COVID-19 cannot be transmitted through properly maintained pools and spas - “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.”

Proper maintenance, upkeep and testing of pools should be done at regular intervals and preferably performed and monitored by licensed professionals to ensure proper pool and public health. All entry and exit points into and out of the pool and deck area such as ladders, gates, and doors should be properly sanitized throughout the day.

The Florida Swimming Pool Association reminds private and commercial pool and spa owners that they should follow current guidelines, only allowing 10 people in the pool and deck area at a time. While limiting the number of people, they should also practice safe social distancing protocol by keeping pool guests at least 6 feet apart.

Pools and spas are valuable resources to communities and proper pool health is also proper public health.

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