

**Town of Hoosick Swimming Pool
COVID-19 Action Plan for 2020 Season
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID-19-and-Water>):

There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, or water playgrounds. Additionally, proper operation of these aquatic venues and disinfection of the water (with chlorine or bromine) should inactivate the virus.

While there is ongoing community spread of the virus, it is important for individuals, as well as operators of public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds (for example, at hotels or apartment complexes or owned by communities) to take steps to ensure health and safety:

- Everyone should follow state, local, territorial, or tribal guidance that might determine when and how public pools, hot tubs, or water playgrounds may operate and might include CDC considerations.
- Individuals should continue to protect themselves and others at public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds, both in and out of the water – for example, by staying at least 6 feet away from people you don't live with and wearing cloth face covers when not in the water.
- In addition to ensuring water quality and safety, operators of public pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds should follow guidance on cleaning and disinfecting community facilities.

**Implications upon the Town of Hoosick Swimming Pool:
Preventing the Spread of COVID-19:**

- Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
*TOH pool will post signage at admissions and in the bathrooms that will require all staff to wash their hands/use hand sanitizer often and that encourages all patrons/swimmers to wash their hands often and cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Cloth Face Coverings
*TOH pool will post signage at admissions, in the bathrooms and at the concession stand requiring the use of cloth face coverings when social distancing is not possible. For example, face coverings are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult, such as in the locker rooms or at the concessions stand.
*Additionally, signage will be posted at admissions, in the bathrooms and at the concession stand to advise those wearing face coverings not to wear them in the water. Cloth face coverings can be difficult to breathe through when they're wet.

- Staying Home
*TOH pool staff will post signage at admissions, in the bathrooms and at the concession stand educating staff, patrons, and swimmers about when to stay home (for example, if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days) and when they can safely end their home isolation.
- Adequate Supplies
*TOH pool will ensure that adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene are in place and easily visible in the locker rooms and near the concession stand. Supplies include soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), paper towels, tissues, and no-touch trash cans.
- Public Service Announcement
*The following public service announcement from the CDC will be given over the loudspeaker every hour, on the half hour:
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working to help keep you and your community safe from the threat of novel, or new coronavirus. Take the following everyday steps to help avoid the spread of all respiratory viruses: • Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. • Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw the tissue away, and then wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. • Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. • Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces such as remote controls and doorknobs. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. • Stay home if you are sick. Call your doctor if you develop fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.

Maintaining Healthy Environments:

- Cleaning and Disinfection
*TOH pool staff will frequently clean and disinfect all of the following touched surfaces:
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 - Ladder handrails
 - Benches
 - Diving board handrails
 - Restroom sinks, toilets and doors
 - Admissions table
 - Outdoor shower
 - Shoe storage cubbies
 - Lifeguard stations and equipment
 - Pool gutters
- *TOH pool will ensure safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants, including storing products securely away from children.
- Modified Layouts
*TOH pool staff will change deck layouts to ensure that in the standing and seating areas, individuals can remain at least 6 feet apart from those they don't live with.

- Physical Barriers and Guides
*TOH pool staff will provide physical cues or guides (for example, lane lines in the water or chairs and tables on the deck) and visual cues (for example, tape on the decks, floors, or sidewalks) and signs to ensure that staff, patrons, and swimmers stay at least 6 feet apart from those they don't live with, both in and out of the water.
- Communal Spaces
*TOH pool staff will stagger the use of communal spaces (for example, in the water or breakroom), if possible, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects each time they are used.
- Shared Objects
*TOH pool staff will discourage people from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect or that are meant to come in contact with the face (for example, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels).
*TOH pool staff will discourage the sharing of items such as food, equipment, toys, and supplies with those they don't live with.
*TOH pool staff will ensure adequate equipment for patrons and swimmers, such as kick boards and pool noodles, to minimize sharing to the extent possible, or limiting use of equipment by one group of users at a time and cleaning and disinfecting between use.

Maintaining Healthy Operations

- Lifeguards and Water Safety
*TOH pool manager will ensure that lifeguards who are actively lifeguarding are not also expected to monitor handwashing, use of cloth face coverings, or social distancing of others. This monitoring responsibility will be assigned to another staff member.
- Regulatory Awareness
*TOH pool manager will stay aware of local or state regulatory agency policies on gathering requirements or recommendations to determine if events, such as aquatic fitness classes, swim lessons, swim team practice, swim meets, or pool parties can be held.
- Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact
*TOH pool manager will be designated as the staff member responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff should know who this person is and how to contact him or her.
- Gatherings
*TOH pool staff will limit group events, gatherings, or meetings both in and out of the water to 25 or less patrons. Exceptions to the social distancing guidance include:
 - *Anyone rescuing a distressed swimmer, providing first aid, or performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with or without an automated external defibrillator.
 - *Individuals in the process of evacuating an aquatic venue or entire facility due to an emergency.

*If planned events must be conducted, staggering drop-off and pick-up times, as much as possible, to maintain distance of at least 6 feet between people who don't live together.

*Asking parents to consider if their children are capable of staying at least 6 feet apart from people they don't live with before taking them to a public aquatic venue.

* Limiting any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations.

* Occupancy of the premise and pool should be limited to the number of individuals and groups who can be safely and appropriately spaced such that each individual and group is at least six feet away from others.

- Communication Systems

*TOH pool staff will have systems in place for:

- *Having staff, patrons, and swimmers self-report if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

- *Notifying local health authorities of COVID-19 cases.

- *Notifying staff, patrons, and swimmers (as feasible) of potential COVID-19 exposures while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) [external icon](#).

- *Notifying staff, patrons, and swimmers of aquatic venue closures.

- Staff Training

- * TOH pool manager will train staff on all safety protocols.

Conducting training virtually or ensuring that social distancing is maintained during in-person training.

- Recognize Signs and Symptoms

- * TOH pool staff will conduct daily health checks (for example, temperature screening or symptom checking) of staff. Ensure safe and respectful implementation that is aligned with any applicable privacy laws and regulations.

Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

- Isolating and transporting those who are sick to their home or a healthcare provider.

- *TOH pool staff will immediately separate staff, patrons, or swimmers with COVID-19 symptoms (for example, fever, cough, or shortness of breath).

- *TOH pool manager will establish procedures for safely transporting anyone sick to their home or to a healthcare provider.

- Notifying health officials and close contacts.

- *TOH pool staff will immediately notify local health officials, staff, patrons, and swimmers of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- *TOH pool staff will inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

- Cleaning and Disinfection

- *TOH pool staff will close off areas used by a sick person and not using the areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them.

*TOH pool staff will wait more than 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting these areas. Ensuring safe and correct use and storage of EPA-approved List N disinfectants, including storing products securely away from children.