

Recreational Water Facilities



- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations, and communicate these to your staff and the public. For further details refer to [Ontario's COVID-19 public health measures and advice](#).
- ✓ Recreational water facilities must comply with the [Public Pools Regulation \(O. Reg 565\)](#).
- ✓ Consider establishing and maintaining a COVID-19 safety plan for businesses/organizations which outline the steps taken to protect staff and the public against COVID-19 within the facility. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department's [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's document [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



Consider posting signs at all entrances directing those who are ill not to enter. Advise staff and the public to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in [close contact](#) with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



All bathers should take a shower with soap and water prior to entering the pool area.



Consider having properly stocked hand sanitizer stations at the entrance and throughout the premises for everyone to sanitize their hands.



Ensure frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces (such as door handles, hand railings, showers, chairs, washrooms, etc.). Encourage cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces at least once a day and when visibly dirty. Use only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) approved by [Health Canada](#). Follow the manufacturer's direction for contact time.



Consider staff training be provided to kept up to date with COVID-19 policies and procedures.



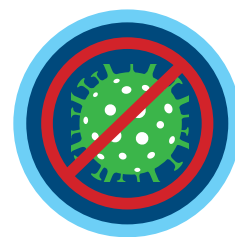
Consider scheduling visits to the pool by appointment to promote physical distancing. Bather load for the pool must not be exceeded.



Encourage all businesses and organizations to establish and implement their own COVID-19 vaccination policy.



First aid and resuscitation protocols should be up-to-date and incorporate measures to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.



Consider implementing passive screening for all individuals entering the premises. For detailed guidance on screening, visit the Ministry of Health's [Ontario COVID-19 Screening](#).

Mask use is encouraged in common areas for staff and patrons. Mask are required in select settings including recreational water facilities located in long-term care homes and retirement homes, subject to limited exemptions.



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