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**TITLE 410 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH**

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DIGEST

Adds 410 IAC 6-2.1 to clarify and update the requirements for the health, safety, and operation of public and semi-public swimming pools, spas, and wading pools. Repeals 410 IAC 6-2. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

410 IAC 6-2
410 IAC 6-2.1

SECTION 1. 410 IAC 6-2.1 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 2.1. Public and Semi-Public Pools

410 IAC 6-2.1-1 Applicability

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 1. The definitions in this rule apply throughout this rule. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-1*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-2 "Air gap" defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 2. "Air gap" means the unobstructed vertical distance through atmosphere between the water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the receiving unit and is at least a distance equal to two (2) times the diameter of the water supply outlet or pipe. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-2*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-3 "Bather load" defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-1-3

Sec. 3. "Bather load" means the total number of bathers within the pool enclosure. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-3*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-4 "Breakpoint chlorination" defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 4. "Breakpoint chlorination" means the point in a rising chlorine residual at which the concentration of available chlorine becomes great enough to completely oxidize all organic matter and ammonia compounds (combined chlorine) in a pool. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-4*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-5 "Competition pool" defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 5. “Competition pool” means any pool intended for use for accredited competitive aquatic events. Such pools may also be used for recreation and instruction. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-5)

410 IAC 6-2.1-6 “Department” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 6. “Department” means the Indiana state department of health. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-6)

410 IAC 6-2.1-7 “Diving pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 7. “Diving pool” means any pool that is designed and constructed primarily for diving and does not have a shallow end. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-7)

410 IAC 6-2.1-8 “mg/l” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 8. “mg/l” means milligrams per liter and is equivalent to parts per million when the medium is water. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-8)

410 IAC 6-2.1-9 “Person” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 9. “Person” means:

- (1) any individual, firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, municipality, county, authority, estate, or public or private entity; and**
- (2) its or their successors, assigns, or agents.**

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-9)

410 IAC 6-2.1-10 “Plunge pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 10. “Plunge pool” means a pool located at the exit end of a waterslide flume and is intended and designed to receive sliders emerging the flume. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-10)

410 IAC 6-2.1-11 “Pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 11. “Pool” means a structure, basin, chamber, or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, bathing, competition, relaxation, or recreational use. (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-11)

410 IAC 6-2.1-12 “Pools with wading areas” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4
Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 12. “Pools with wading areas” means any pool that has a portion of the shallow end with a maximum

depth of twenty-four (24) inches. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-12)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-13 “Public pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 13. “Public pool” means any pool, other than those pools defined as a semi-public pool, which is intended to be used for swimming or bathing and is operated by a concessionaire, owner, lessee, operator, or licensee, regardless of whether a fee is charged for use. Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to any pool, constructed at a one (1) or two (2) family dwelling, and maintained by an individual for the sole use of the household and house guests. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-13)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-14 “Public sewer” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 14. “Public sewer” means a sewage disposal facility provided by a utility, municipality, conservancy district, or regional sewer district. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-14)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-15 “Public water supply” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 15. “Public water supply” means water supplied by a utility, municipality, conservancy district, regional water district, or water corporation. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-15)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-16 “Sanitary facilities” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 16. “Sanitary facilities” means flush toilets, hand washing lavatories, and showers. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-16)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-17 “Semi-public pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 17. “Semi-public pool” means any pool that is intended to be used for swimming or bathing and is operated solely for and in conjunction with:

- (1) schools, universities, and colleges;**
- (2) hotels, motels, apartments, condominiums, bed and breakfasts, or similar lodgings;**
- (3) camps or mobile home parks; or**
- (4) membership clubs or associations.**

Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to any pool, constructed at a one (1) or two (2) family dwelling, and maintained by an individual for the sole use of the household and house guests. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-17)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-18 “Spa” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 18. “Spa” means a pool designed for recreational and/or therapeutic use, which is not drained, cleaned, and refilled after each use. The term may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) hydrojet circulation;**
- (2) hot water;**
- (3) cold water;**

- (4) mineral baths;**
- (5) air induction systems; or**
- (6) any combination thereof.**

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-18)

410 IAC 6-2.1-19 “Swimming pool slide” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 19. “Swimming pool slide” means any device used to enter a pool by sliding down an inclined plane or equipment similar to a playground slide. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-19)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-20 “Turnover rate” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 20. “Turnover rate” means the period of time, expressed in hours, required to circulate a volume of water equal to the maximum pool-water capacity through the pool-water treatment system. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-20)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-21 “Wading pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 21. “Wading pool” means a pool used for bathing that has a maximum depth of two (2) feet. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-21)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-22 “Waterslide” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 22. “Waterslide” means a recreational ride that is a sloped trough-like or tubular structure using water as a lubricant and method of regulating rider velocity and terminates in a plunge pool, swimming pool, or a specifically designed deceleration structure. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-22)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-23 “Wave pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 23. “Wave pool” means any pool having a bottom sloped upward from the deep end to the surface at the shallow end with equipment installed at the deep end to create wave motions in the water. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-23)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-24 “Zero depth pool” defined

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 24. “Zero depth pool” means any pool with a bottom sloped upward from the deep end to the surface level at the shallow end. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-24)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-25 Administration of rule

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 25. This rule may be administered by the department or by the local health officer through their authorized agent. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-25)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-26 New construction

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 26. Public and semi-public pools shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and modified in accordance with 675 IAC 20. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-26*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-27 Water supply

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 27. (a) An adequate and convenient supply of potable water that meets the provisions of 327 IAC 8-2 shall be provided at plumbing fixtures used for drinking, cooking, dishwashing, hand washing, showering, and pool water.

(b) Wells shall be constructed, installed, and located in accordance with 327 IAC 8-2 and 312 IAC 13.

(c) A public water supply shall be exclusively used if available within a reasonable distance. A water supply, properly located and constructed, shall be provided if a public water supply is not available.

(d) The construction and location of wells with less than fifteen (15) service connections, or serving less than twenty-five (25) people, shall comply with Bulletin S.E. 13. All other wells shall comply with 327 IAC 8-2.

(e) The water supply and distribution system shall have the capacity to deliver a minimum water pressure of twenty (20) pounds per square inch to all water connections during periods of peak water usage. The water supply shall have a capacity to meet total water demands. If a well or pump cannot meet a peak or daily demand, a sufficient useable storage capacity shall be provided.

(f) The casing pipe of a well shall extend no less than twenty-four (24) inches above floor level, finish grade, or the highest flood level on record.

(g) Water supplies shall have no wellhead, well casing, pump, pumping machinery, exposed pressure tanks, or suction piping located in any pit, room, or enclosure that does not have free drainage by gravity to the ground surface at all times.

(h) Stop-and-waste valves (including unapproved frost-proof hydrants) or other devices that would allow aspiration or backflow of contaminated water into the potable system shall not be used.

(i) All portions of the water distribution system serving pools, and auxiliary facilities, shall be protected against backflow and backsiphonage. Water introduced into the pool, either directly or through the recirculation system, shall be supplied through an air gap or in accordance with 675 IAC 1. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-27*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-28 Sewage disposal

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 28. (a) The sewage disposal system shall be adequate to serve the facility, including the bathhouse, locker room, pool water treatment equipment, deck drains, and related accommodations.

(b) Pool water and filter backwash water may not discharge to a ditch, stream, or lake, except in accordance with 327 IAC 2-1.

(c) All pool gutters, recirculation systems, and overflows shall discharge through an air gap to preclude the possibility of a backup of sewage or waste into the pool or pool piping system.

(d) All pool sumps, deck drainage systems, and other drainage fixtures that discharge to a sewer or storm drain shall be properly trapped and vented to prevent sewer gases and odors from reaching the pool area.

(e) All sewage, including gray water, shall be disposed of via a connection to a public sewer, if available within a reasonable distance. If a public sewer is not available within a reasonable distance from the pool, sewage disposal must comply with 410 IAC 6-10, Bulletin S.E. 11, Bulletin S.E. 13, or applicable rules of the Indiana department of environmental management. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-28)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-29 Sanitary facilities

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 29. (a) The ratio and location of sanitary facilities for public and semi-public pools shall be in accordance with 675 IAC 20-2-27.

(b) Sanitary facilities are not required poolside at semi-public pools if sanitary facilities are available to pool patrons within three hundred (300) feet of the pool enclosure.

(c) Toilet paper and covered waste receptacles shall be provided for toilet facilities.

(d) Soap, covered waste receptacles, and paper towels or electrical hand-drying units shall be provided at the lavatories.

(e) Hot and cold water shall be provided through a mixing faucet.

(f) When showers are provided, the water temperature shall be at least ninety (90) degrees Fahrenheit and shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) degrees Fahrenheit. An approved hot water control valve shall be installed on the hot water heater to ensure safe water temperature.

(g) All sanitary facilities shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-29)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-30 Pool water chemistry

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 30. (a) All pools, when open for use, shall be continuously and automatically disinfected with a chemical that imparts an easily measured, free residual.

(b) A free residual of the disinfectant chemical shall be maintained throughout the pool at concentrations in accordance with the following:

POOL TYPE	CHLORINE		BROMINE	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Wading pools	3.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10 ppm
Spa pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10 ppm
Waterslide plunge pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	10 ppm
Wave pools	2.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	10 ppm
All other pools	1.0 ppm	7.0 ppm	2.0 ppm	10 ppm

(c) Whenever the residual disinfectant falls below the minimum concentration required or exceeds the maximum concentration allowed, the pool shall be cleared and kept free of bathers until disinfectant residuals are within the acceptable range.

(d) The department may accept other disinfecting materials or methods when such materials or methods

have been demonstrated:

- (1) to provide a residual effect equivalent to halogens;
- (2) to be easily measured under conditions of use;
- (3) not to be dangerous to public health;
- (4) not to create objectionable physiological effects; or
- (5) not to impart toxic properties to the water.

(e) The pool water shall be superchlorinated to breakpoint or superoxidized with a nonchlorine oxidizer, when the pool test kit reveals a combined chlorine (chloramine) concentration of five-tenths (0.5) parts per million (ppm) or greater.

(f) Chlorinated isocyanurates or stabilized chlorine shall not be used for breakpoint chlorination.

(g) The pool shall be closed and remain closed during breakpoint chlorination until the chlorine concentration drops to the maximum level referenced in subsection (b).

(h) If a nonchlorine oxidizer is used to superoxidize, the pool shall be closed and shall remain closed in accordance with the specifications on the product label.

(i) A test kit shall be readily available for use by the pool operator, with reagents replaced according to manufacturer's requirements, and meet the following:

- (1) For pools that use chlorine as a disinfectant, a test kit shall be used that covers a minimum range of zero (0.0) ppm to five (5.0) ppm or higher. The test kit must be in increments of five-tenths (0.5) ppm and be capable of measuring total chlorine.
- (2) Orthotolidine may not be used as the disinfectant testing reagent.
- (3) For pools that use a disinfectant other than chlorine, the test kit shall have the range and accuracy proportionate to the range required for chlorine test kits.
- (4) A pH test kit accurate to the nearest two-tenths (0.2) pH unit and covering a minimum range of seven (7.0) to eight (8.0) pH units shall be used.
- (5) When a cyanurate is used as a chlorine stabilizer, the test kit shall be capable of measuring cyanuric acid concentrations.
- (6) A test kit capable of measuring total alkalinity shall be used.

(j) If chlorinated isocyanurate or cyanuric acid stabilizers are used in a pool, the concentration shall not exceed sixty (60) ppm. When the maximum allowable cyanuric acid concentration is exceeded, appropriate measures shall be taken to lower the concentrations to the required range.

(k) Chlorinated isocyanurates and cyanuric acid stabilizers shall not be used in any indoor pool.

(l) Only in pools where chlorine is used as the disinfectant can cyanuric acid be used as a stabilizer.

(m) The water in a pool shall have a pH of not less than seven and two-tenths (7.2) and not more than seven and eight-tenths (7.8).

(n) The alkalinity of the water in pools shall be at least eighty (80) ppm as titrated to the methyl orange endpoint.

(o) Pool water shall be tested for the following:

- (1) pH and disinfectant residuals daily before the pool is open for use and at least one (1) other time during the hours of pool use.
- (2) Combined chlorine at least twice a week when chlorine is used.
- (3) Total alkalinity at least once a week.

(4) Cyanuric acid, when it is used, at least once a week.

(p) Spa water shall be tested for pH and disinfectant residuals daily before the spa is open for use and at least two (2) other times during the hours of spa use for the following:

- (1) Combined chlorine concentration, when chlorine is used, at least twice a week.
- (2) Total alkalinity at least once a week.

(q) All results shall be recorded.

(r) If electronic monitoring devices are used, the accuracy of the device must be checked as required by the manufacturer or compared for accuracy at least once per week with a test kit.

(s) The pool shall be closed for a period equal to at least one (1) hour following the manual addition of chemicals.

(t) Any chemical used to treat the water in a pool must be used in accordance with the product label directions. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-30*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-31 Water quality standards

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 31. (a) At all times, the water in a pool shall have sufficient clarity so that the main drain or a black disc, six (6) inches in diameter placed at the deepest part of the pool, is readily visible from the deck.

(b) The water temperature in spas may not exceed one hundred four (104) degrees Fahrenheit.

(c) One (1) water sample must be collected weekly from each pool and submitted for bacteriological examination. Samples may not be collected from any portion of the recirculation system.

(d) Sampling shall start at least one (1) week prior to the opening of the pool.

(e) Bacteriological examinations performed on each sample shall include the heterotrophic thirty-five (35) degree Centigrade plate count, and a total coliform test using either the:

- (1) multiple tube fermentation test;
- (2) membrane filter test; or
- (3) one hundred (100) milliliter presence/absence test.

Tests shall be performed by a state-approved laboratory in accordance with the procedures outlined in the 18th edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA), Part 9000, Microbiological Examination of Water, published in 1992.

(f) All water sample reports must be submitted to the local health department.

(g) No two (2) consecutive samples or three (3) samples collected in a six (6) week period shall demonstrate the following:

- (1) Contain more than two hundred (200) bacteria colonies per milliliter as determined by the heterotrophic thirty-five (35) degree Centigrade plate count.
- (2) Test positive (confirmed test) for coliform organisms in any of the five (5) to ten (10) milliliter portions of a sample when the multiple tube fermentation tube test is used.
- (3) Test positive for more than one (1) coliform organism per fifty (50) milliliters when the membrane filter test is used.
- (4) Show the presence of any coliform when the one hundred (100) milliliter presence/absence test is used.

(h) Failure to collect and analyze weekly water samples during the period that a pool is open for use is considered an unsatisfactory report for the applicable week.

(i) When the pool must be closed due to an unsatisfactory sample report, an additional water sample must be submitted to an approved laboratory. The pool may be reopened upon receipt of a satisfactory report. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-31)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-32 Recirculation

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 32. (a) The recirculation system shall be maintained in accordance with the following:

(1) The turnover rate for spa pools shall be once every half hour.

(2) For pools, except spas, built before September 13, 1989, the turnover rate shall be the lesser of the following times:

(A) Eight (8) hours.

(B) The maximum pool capacity in gallons, divided by the maximum bather load, divided again by one hundred eight (108) gallons per hour per bather.

(b) In all other public pools built after September 13, 1989, the turnover rate shall be as follows:

POOL TYPE	TURNOVER RATE
Wading pools	1 hour
Wave pools	2 hours
Zero depth pools	2 hours
Pools with wading areas	2 hours
Competition pools	6 hours
Diving pools	12 hours
All other pools	6 hours

(c) A suitable means shall be provided to measure the flow of water through the pool water recirculating system.

(d) Footbaths are prohibited. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-32)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-33 Gas chlorine and chemical storage

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 33. (a) The following shall be provided when chlorine gas is used:

(1) Chlorine gas equipment shall be operated and maintained in accordance with standards and recommendations of The Chlorine Institute, Inc., sixth edition, (1997). A copy of said standards must be kept on the premises.

(2) A self-contained positive pressure demand breathing apparatus, with air supply tank, designed for use in a chlorine atmosphere.

(3) The self-contained breathing apparatus shall be kept in a closed cabinet, accessible without a key and located outside of the room in which the chlorinator or chlorine cylinders are located.

(4) Pool equipment operating staff shall be trained in the use of the self-contained breathing apparatus and shall maintain documentation of that training.

(5) Each pool operator shall have a written emergency plan of action for chlorine gas leaks. The emergency plan shall be communicated to all employees, posted in a conspicuous place, and be practiced with annual drills.

(b) All chemicals and items in the chemical storage room shall be stored at least six (6) inches above the floor to allow for flushing the area in the case of a spill.

(c) All chemicals shall be stored in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-33*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-34 Lifesaving and safety equipment

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 34. (a) At least one (1) unit of lifesaving equipment shall be provided at each pool and shall consist of the following:

(1) A life pole, or shepherd's crook type of pole, with blunted ends and a minimum length of twelve (12) feet.

(2) A ring buoy, having a minimum outside diameter of twenty (20) inches, with one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) inch diameter rope equal in length to the width of the pool and not to exceed forty-five (45) feet in length.

(b) One (1) spineboard shall be available for each pool enclosure, except for spas and wading pools.

(c) For pools with a surface area of two thousand (2,000) square feet or more, a rescue tube or ring buoy shall be provided for each lifeguard on duty.

(d) A standard twenty-four (24) unit first aid kit approved for swimming pools by the American Red Cross and two (2) blankets shall be provided within each pool enclosure. The first aid kit shall be kept filled and ready for use whenever the pool is open.

(e) A telephone shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of the pool enclosure and must be available for emergency use with the following emergency telephone numbers posted within view:

(1) 911.

(2) Ambulance or rescue unit.

(3) Hospital.

(4) Police station.

(5) Fire department.

(f) Depth markings of pools shall conform to 675 IAC 20-2.

(g) A removable buoyed transition line, anchored at each end, shall separate the shallow area defined as five (5) feet or less, from the deeper pool area, except when the pool is being used for organized activities.

(h) One (1) unit of lifesaving equipment, in good repair, ready for use, and stored within twenty (20) feet of the pool, shall be provided for each two thousand (2,000) square feet of pool water surface, except spas and wading pools. (*Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-34*)

410 IAC 6-2.1-35 Lifeguards

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 35. (a) A qualified lifeguard is required for all public pools. A qualified lifeguard is required for all semi-public pools with a surface area of two thousand (2,000) square feet or more. Lifeguards must be on duty at poolside at all times when the pools are open for use.

(b) A qualified lifeguard or attendant must be stationed continuously at a waterslide and control its use.

(c) When lifeguards are required, they shall be provided as follows:

BATHER LOAD*	MINIMUM NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS
0–75	1
76–150	2
151–225	3
226–300	4
301–375	5

*When the bather load exceeds three hundred seventy-five (375), one (1) lifeguard shall be provided for each additional seventy-five (75) bathers or fraction thereof.

(d) Lifeguards shall possess a current nationally recognized certification in each of the following:

- (1) Lifeguard training.
- (2) Adult/infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- (3) First aid.

(e) The operators of all public pools shall provide annual lifeguard orientation and training that includes training in bloodborne pathogens. New guards shall also receive training when they are employed.

(f) When on patron surveillance duty, lifeguards shall not perform any other duties and shall not be in the water except in the line of duty.

(g) Lifeguards on duty shall be identified with distinguishing equipment, apparel, or emblems.

(h) Lifeguard platforms or chairs shall be elevated five (5) to six (6) feet above the deck, placed in locations that minimize sun glare on the water, and in positions that will allow complete visual coverage of the pool and the pool bottom within a field of view no greater than forty-five (45) degrees on either side of a line extending straight out from the chair. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-35)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-36 Warning signs

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 36. (a) Warning signs shall be provided in legible letters at least four (4) inches high as follows:

(1) A sign warning “DANGER–HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS” shall be posted on or adjacent to the entrance to the pool chemical feed and chemical storage rooms.

(2) Whenever the pool area is open for use and no lifeguard service is provided, warning signs shall be placed in plain view at the entrances and inside the pool area that state “Warning–No Lifeguard on Duty”. In addition, the signs shall also state in clearly legible letters at least two (2) inches high, “No Swimming Alone. Children Under 14 Years of Age and Nonswimmers Shall Not Use the Pool Unless Accompanied by a Responsible Adult.”.

(3) When the pool is not open for use, a sign shall be posted stating “POOL CLOSED”.

(4) A sign stating “No Diving” shall be posted at nondiving areas and at portions of the pool which are five (5) feet deep or less. “No Diving” signs are not required at spas or wading pools.

(b) The following user sanitation and safety rules shall be posted on signs with letters at least one (1) inch high and within the pool enclosure:

(1) Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past two (2) weeks shall not use the pool.

(2) Anyone who has an area of exposed subepidermal tissue, open blisters, cuts, etc., is advised not to use the pool.

(3) All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take another cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure.

- (4) Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.
- (5) No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, on the runways, on diving boards, on floats, on platforms, in dressing rooms, or in showers.
- (6) Street clothes are not allowed in the pool.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), spa pools shall have the following posted:

- (1) Pregnant women, small children, or persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure should not enter the spa except under advice of a physician.
- (2) Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or raise or lower blood pressure.
- (3) Exposure greater than fifteen (15) minutes may result in drowsiness, nausea, or fainting.

(d) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), wading pools shall have the following posted:

- (1) All diaper-aged children shall use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic at the legs and waist, or swim diapers.
- (2) Do not change diapers at poolside.

(e) The following shall be posted near the entrance of swimming pool slides:

- (1) One (1) rider at a time. Wait until the landing area is clear before entering the slide.
- (2) Slide in a sitting position or on the back only.
- (3) Do not attempt to stop on the slide.
- (4) Leave the plunge area immediately.
- (5) Warning: Water depth is ____ feet.

(f) The following shall be posted near the entrance of the water slide:

- (1) Only one (1) rider at a time.
- (2) Follow the instructions of the attendant and/or lifeguard.
- (3) No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling, or stopping in the flumes.
- (4) No diving from a flume.
- (5) Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-36)

410 IAC 6-2.1-37 Cleaning

Authority: 16-19-3-4

Affected: 16-19-3

Sec. 37. (a) Visible dirt on the bottom and walls of the pool shall be removed at least every twenty-four (24) hours or more frequently if required.

(b) Scum, oils, or floating matter on the water surface of a pool shall be removed continuously by skimming, flushing, or other effective means when the pool is open for use. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-37)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-38 Records of operation

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 38. (a) Operating records shall be logged daily, kept for a minimum of one (1) year, and be available upon request by the department. The operating records must contain the following:

- (1) Disinfectant residuals and combined chlorine concentrations.
- (2) pH readings.
- (3) Volume of fresh water added.
- (4) Operating periods of pool water recirculation pumps and filters and the corresponding rate of flow

meter readings.

(5) Amounts of chemicals used.

(6) Maintenance and malfunctioning of equipment.

(b) An injury/incident report using a form prescribed by the department shall be made for each occurrence that:

(1) results in death;

(2) requires resuscitation;

(3) results in transportation to a hospital or other facility for medical treatment; or

(4) results in an illness connected to the water quality at the pool.

(c) The injury/illness report shall be forwarded to the department within ten (10) days. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-38)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-39 Visitor and spectator areas at public pools

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 39. There shall be a separation between the spaces used by visitors and spectators at a public pool and those spaces used by bathers. Visitors and spectators in street clothes may be allowed within the perimeter enclosure if a separate area is provided that is segregated from the space used by the bathers by a barrier or wall at least twenty-nine (29) inches high. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-39)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-40 Food and drink area

Authority: 16-19-3-4

Affected: 16-19-3

Sec. 40. Food and drink may be permitted only in the visitor or spectator area of a public pool, or in a similarly separated snack area for bathers. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-40)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-41 Multi-use suits and towels

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 41. (a) After each use, all multi-use suits and towels, furnished to bathers by the operator of a pool, shall be washed thoroughly with detergent and hot water of at least one hundred seventy-five (175) degrees Fahrenheit or laundered in warm soapy water containing a chlorine concentration of at least fifty (50) parts per million. Suits and towels must be rinsed and thoroughly dried after laundering.

(b) Clean suits and towels must be kept strictly separated from those that have been used and are unlaundered. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-41)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-42 Garbage and refuse disposal

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 42. Garbage and refuse shall be collected, stored, and disposed so that the pool area is kept clean and litter free. *(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-42)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-43 Reasons for closure

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 43. A pool shall be closed when any of the following occurs:

- (1) Failure to meet bacteriological requirements of section 31(f) of this rule.
 - (2) Failure to meet disinfectant concentrations of section 30(b) of this rule.
 - (3) Failure to meet the water clarity requirements of section 31(a) of this rule.
 - (4) The grate on the main drain is missing or broken.
 - (5) Failure to meet lifeguard requirements of section 35 of this rule.
 - (6) A pump, filter, or disinfectant feeder is nonoperational.
 - (7) A nonsolid fecal accident.
 - (8) The spa water temperature exceeds one hundred four (104) degrees Fahrenheit.
- (Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-43)*

410 IAC 6-2.1-44 Fecal accidents

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 44. (a) In the event that a solid stool is identified in the pool or spa water, the following steps are required:

- (1) The pool shall be cleared of all patrons.
- (2) The solid fecal material shall be removed. If a vacuum is used for this purpose, the waste shall be discharged to the sanitary sewer and not through the pool filtration system. All equipment used to remove the fecal material shall be sanitized with a solution of twenty (20) parts per million (ppm) chlorine. The solution shall be prepared fresh.
- (3) The free chlorine/bromine level shall be tested.
- (4) pH shall be maintained between 7.2 and 7.8.
- (5) When the required level of disinfectant concentrations fail to meet the requirements of section 30(b) of this rule, the pool shall remain closed until the required levels of free disinfectant are present in the pool water as measured at poolside.
- (6) When the required level of disinfectant concentrations are met, the pool may reopen.

(b) In the event that a nonsolid stool is identified in the pool or spa water, the following steps are required:

- (1) Immediately clear the pool of all patrons and close all affected pools or spas operating on a common filtration system and keep closed during the sanitization procedure.
- (2) Raise and maintain the free chlorine residual in the pool water for the length of time necessary to attain a "9600 contact time" CT value equivalent, or completely drain the pool to a sanitary sewer or approved sewage disposal system.
- (3) When the pool is drained, sanitize all surfaces with a chlorine solution of at least twenty (20) ppm.
- (4) When the pool is disinfected without draining, continuously operate the recirculation/filtration system during the sanitization/contact period time.
- (5) Filters shall be backwashed to waste and filter material replenished as necessary.
- (6) When the sanitizing contact period is completed, the pool may be reopened if:
 - (A) the excess free chlorine levels are reduced to the maximum allowed in section 30(b) of this rule;
 - (B) the pH is balanced as needed;
 - (C) the filter is recharged as needed; and
 - (D) the circulation system is operating.

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-44)

410 IAC 6-2.1-45 Right of entry

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 45. The department or the local health officer may enter public or private property at reasonable times, upon presentation of credentials to do any of the following:

- (1) Inspect facilities, equipment, or records.
- (2) Investigate complaints.

- (3) Conduct tests.**
- (4) Collect samples to obtain information required under this rule.**
- (5) Determine whether any person is subject to, or in violation of, this rule.**

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-45)

410 IAC 6-2.1-46 Enforcement

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 4-21.5-3-8; IC 16-19-3; IC 16-20-1-23

Sec. 46. The department may commence an action under IC 4-21.5-3-8 against a pool operator who:

- (1) fails to comply with this rule; or**
- (2) interferes with or obstructs the department or its designated agent in the performance of duties pursuant to IC 16-20-1-23.**

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-46)

410 IAC 6-2.1-47 Incorporation by reference

Authority: IC 16-19-3-4

Affected: IC 16-19-3

Sec. 47. The following are hereby incorporated by reference as a part of this rule:

- (1) Indiana State Department of Health Bulletin S.E. 11. Copies may be obtained by a mailed request to Indiana State Department of Health, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.**
- (2) Indiana State Department of Health Bulletin S.E. 13. Copies may be obtained by a mailed request to Indiana State Department of Health, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.**
- (3) Part 9000, Microbiological Examination of Water, Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, seventeenth edition, published by the American Public Health Association, Inc., in 1989, is incorporated by this rule. Copies may be obtained from the American Public Health Association, Inc., 1015 15th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.**
- (4) The standards of the Chlorine Institute, Inc., sixth edition, 1997. Two (2) copies of these standards are available for reference at the department. Copies may be obtained from the Chlorine Institute, Inc., 2000 L Street N. W., Suite 506, Washington, D.C. 20036.**
- (5) The Pool/Spa Operators Handbook of the National Swimming Pool Foundation, 1983-1990 edition. Two (2) copies are available for reference at the department. Copies may be obtained from the National Swimming Pool Foundation, 10803 Gulfdale, Suite 300, San Antonio, Texas 78216.**

(Indiana State Department of Health; 410 IAC 6-2.1-47)

SECTION 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED: 410 IAC 6-2-0.1; 410 IAC 6-2-0.2; 410 IAC 6-2-0.3; 410 IAC 6-2-0.4; 410 IAC 6-2-0.5; 410 IAC 6-2-0.6; 410 IAC 6-2-0.7; 410 IAC 6-2-1; 410 IAC 6-2-1.1; 410 IAC 6-2-1.2; 410 IAC 6-2-1.3; 410 IAC 6-2-1.4; 410 IAC 6-2-1.5; 410 IAC 6-2-2; 410 IAC 6-2-3; 410 IAC 6-2-4; 410 IAC 6-2-5; 410 IAC 6-2-6; 410 IAC 6-2-7; 410 IAC 6-2-8; 410 IAC 6-2-9; 410 IAC 6-2-10; 410 IAC 6-2-11; 410 IAC 6-2-13.

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on September 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., at the Indiana State Department of Health, 2 North Meridian Street, Rice Auditorium, Indianapolis, Indiana the Indiana State Department of Health will hold a public hearing on proposed new rules to clarify and update the requirements for the health, safety, and operation of public and semi-public swimming pools, spas, and wading pools. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Health Care Regulatory Services Commission, Indiana State Department of Health, 2 North Meridian Street, 5th Floor and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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