



St. Joseph County Department of Health

"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"

COVID-19 Swimming Pool and Spa Facilities Touch Point Disinfection Recommendations

PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC POOL & SPA FACILITIES

Comprise of Public and Semi-public Swimming Pool and Spas that are visited by the general public. Frequency of disinfection will vary based on patron traffic.

CLEANING

Refers to the removal of dirt and impurities, including germs, from surfaces. Cleaning alone does not kill germs. By removing the germs, it decreases their number and therefore any risk of spreading infection.

DISINFECTING

Works by using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs. But killing germs remaining on a surface after cleaning further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

EPA TESTED SANITIZERS AND DISINFECTANTS

Follow all manufacturer's directions, in particular, mixing chemical concentrations, application and contact time.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-list-disinfectants-use-against-covid-19>

DISPOSABLE GLOVES

An extra layer of protection during cleaning activities is advisable.

PROPER HANDWASHING AFTER DISINFECTING PATRON AREAS

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

PERSONAL HYGIENE OF PATRONS

- o Showering before pool entry
- o Frequent bathroom breaks
- o No ill persons
- o No diaper changing at poolside
- o Protection of clean towels
- o Provide hand sanitizer for patrons

TOUCHPOINT AREAS FOR DISINFECTING

- o Keyless entry readers and lock boxes
- o Door handles inside and outside
- o Counters, railings, pool ladders, tables, and benches
- o Restroom doors, faucets, sinks, soap and paper towel dispensers, toilet flushers and baby changing stations
- o Self-service areas; drink dispensing equipment and water fountains
- o Table accessories; umbrella handles and poles
- o Light switches
- o Telephones and Emergency shut-off buttons on spas, dials for spa jets
- o "Touch to activate" areas on splash pads and spray fountains
- o Pool, spa, fountain, and splash decks Door handles inside and outside.

SOURCE: Hamilton County Health Dept. Noblesville, IN

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Food Services Unit of the St. Joseph County Department of Health

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