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POLICY AND PROCEDURE	
SUBJECT/TITLE:	Public Swimming Pools and Spas Inspections and Closure Procedures
APPLICABILITY:	SCHD ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS
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OBJECTIVE: To minimize the potential for disease transmission and to protect the personal safety of bathers and to identify and prevent unsafe and unsanitary conditions in public pools and spas.

LEGAL Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3749

AUTHORITY: Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-31

METHODOLOGY: Inspections shall be conducted at all public pools and spas to verify compliance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3749 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-31.

Routine inspections shall be conducted a minimum of one time every other month for indoor pools and spas, and two inspections per season for outdoor pools. Seasonal pools require a pre-opening inspection, followed by the required routine inspections. Inspections are conducted as follows:

1. **Pre-opening inspections** - Pre-opening inspections are performed prior to an opening inspection to verify that equipment is approved and working properly, and pool area is safe and properly equipped. An approved ODH form is used to list equipment makes and model numbers, working order of recirculation apparatus, and presence of diving equipment and special features. Proper depth markings, ladders, signage, safety equipment, and telephone must be in place. Lifeguard certifications must be available. The license is delivered if the pool is in compliance.

2. **Routine inspections** - Routine inspections are typically unannounced.
The following items are inspected:
 1. Water clarity
 2. Water quality
 3. Safety equipment, signs, and telephone
 4. Recirculation
 5. Surrounding facilities, filter room.
 6. Lifeguard, if applicable
 7. Records

Inspections are recorded on Ohio Department of Health approved forms. The pool operator must sign the report. One copy is given to the operator and one is retained by the Health Department.

A pool or spa may be immediately closed and all bathers removed of the following violations are noted:

OAC 3701-31-04 (B)(1)(a) to (B)(1)(I)

(B) Operations. The licensee of a public swimming pool shall maintain the pool, its components, appurtenant facilities and the surrounding area in a safe, clean and sanitary condition, in good repair and in accordance with this chapter.

(1) Critical operational items. The licensee shall not operate a public swimming pool or portion thereof when an imminent health hazard is present, including but not limited to the following:

(a) A covering for any main drain or other suction outlet that is not properly installed, securely fastened or in compliance with the requirements within ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007;

(b) A safety vacuum release system that is not functioning;

(c) When the disinfection residual is less than what is required in accordance with paragraph (D)(6) of this rule;

(d) When the circulation and/or disinfection system is not operating properly;

(e) An automatic chemical controller that is not functioning in accordance with paragraph (D)(7) of this rule;



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- (f) When a lifeguard is not provided as required in paragraph (E)(4) of this rule;
- (g) Water clarity that is insufficient to clearly see a Secchi disc or a drain outlet cover at the bottom of a public swimming pool;
- (h) Natural or artificial light that is not sufficient to see the bottom of a public swimming pool;
- (i) When a fecal accident occurs until it has been properly treated in accordance with the procedures in appendix A to this rule;
- (j) When a recreational waterborne illness is linked to a public swimming pool either by a current epidemiological investigation or positive water sample results until it has been properly treated in accordance with the procedures in appendix A to this rule;
- (k) The improper or unauthorized use or storage of chemicals that may present an imminent health hazard to patrons or staff; or
- (l) When an electrical hazard may exist at a public swimming pool in accordance with paragraph (S)(3) of rule 3701-31-05.1 of the Administrative Code.

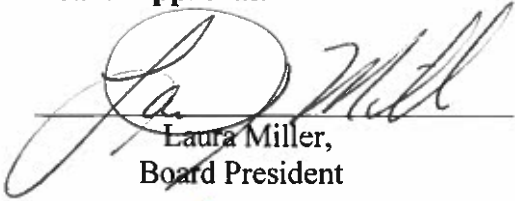
The pool or spa shall not reopen until a sanitarian has verified that the problem is corrected.

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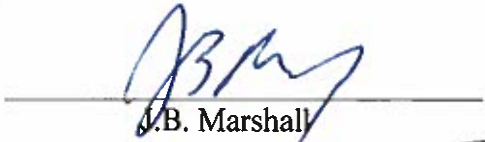
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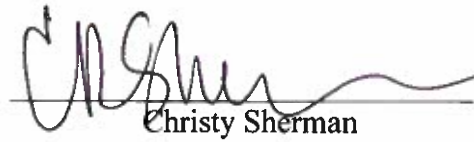


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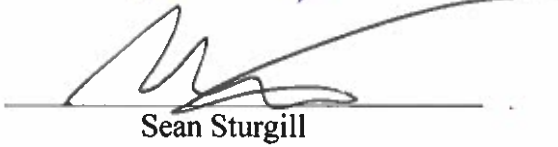
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