



Commercial Aquatics Division

Pools and the Pandemic

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Dear Fellow Members,

Seeing the calendar has turned to April, I wanted to update our last entry by reinforcing the memo that was sent out by the State of Connecticut Health Department to all health districts back on March 19th. If you manage an apartment complex that has an **INDOOR** pool, you must keep it running. The reason the memo was sent out was due to the fact that some were simply shutting the pumps off and walking away. You can't do that. You will create many other adverse issues as a result. So, please, if you have an indoor pool, I would encourage you to call your licensed pool contractor for further guidance as all are following the CDC guidelines during this time.

It is this same protocol that is being recommended for **OUTDOOR** pools too. Don't wait. At some point, either late spring or early summer, we will get past this. You want to have your licensed pool contractor, for now anyway, do a pre start up and remove the cover (if you have one), start the pool, balance it and then put the cover back on the pool. Once the green light is given, your pool contractor will come back, remove it and check the balance, install the ladders and rails, it will need a vacuum and be ready for the inspection.

We had a very mild winter too, so the pools are quite green, so you'll want to give it extra time to clear up.

Even if the green light doesn't come, you still will want your pool operating. Without proper pool maintenance (which includes circulation and treatment of water), various germs can grow. It can also create a breeding ground for mosquitoes, other pests and the diseases they may carry. This will present a whole other risk to the community.



As stated previously, in an effort to help our communities, your licensed pool service professionals continue to be trained in CDC protocols to protect employees and customers alike. Additionally, our National, Regional and State swimming pool associations are keeping their members up to date on this very fluid situation with the virus.

Here is a link to the CDC's website regarding water and virus transmission.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

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