

Criteria For Closing a Swimming Pool

Owners and Operators are required to immediate close a pool when any of the following conditions are observed:

- □ Water clarity is poor, black disc or modified pool black markings are not available for clarity test.
- Pool not made inaccessible when closed (e.g., no gate, or facility is in same area as other recreational facility that has been closed and access cannot be restricted).
- □ Visible hazards are in the water (e.g., fouling, feces, vomit, blood, chemical, broken glass).
- Filtration or circulation system is not working.
- Emergency stop button is missing and/or not immediately stopping all pumps (pools built after 2018 are required to have an emergency stop button and pools built before 2018 that have been retrofitted with an emergency stop button).
- □ Suction entrapment hazards including missing/loose/broken drain cover, single main drain with no anti-entrapment drain cover, single main drain with no anti-entrapment device (safety vacuum release system, vacuum limiting vent system, gravity drainage system or other engineered anti-entrapment design).
- Drain cover or fittings missing or not in good repair.
- Drain covers are not inspected every 30 days.
- □ Equalizer(s) valves open.
- Emergency telephone missing or not working.
- Lifesaving safety equipment not available or not in good repair.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) is missing or not working and/or there is an electrical hazard.
- Underwater light disconnected and not certified in writing by an electrician.
- Disinfectant not detected in pool water.
- Upper limit for Free Available Chlorine is above 10ppm.
- □ Water chemistry not within acceptable range on multiple parameters.
- □ Cyanuric acid is detected above 90 mg/L (indoor pools must not have cyanuric acid present).
- Gas chlorine not handled safely or safety equipment missing.
- □ Fail to meet minimum supervision requirements.
- Any other conditions that may constitute a health hazard (e.g., power outage, pool is not operated in a safe condition, confirmation of disease causing agents such as cryptosporidium).