



# MAINTAINING PUBLIC AQUATIC FACILITIES

## What You Need to Know

The CDC\* states that COVID-19 cannot survive in properly treated pool and hot tub water.

The World Health Organization states that controlling water quality is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

### **It is Imperative that Public Aquatic Facilities be Properly Maintained for the Following Reasons:**

1. The maintenance of properly sanitized swimming pools and other artificial bodies of water is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases and help maintain community health.
2. Without proper pool maintenance (which includes circulation and treatment of water) various germs which are present in feces – like e. coli – can grow. It can also create a breeding ground for mosquitoes, other pests and the diseases they may carry. This presents a risk not only to bathers but to the entire community at large.
3. Additionally, it is critically important that active inground pool and spa projects be completed. Unfinished projects pose significant public safety risks as potential issues such as cave-ins and pool popping, as well as the dangers posed by an active construction site. And, the impact of long-term exposure to the elements may result in the community health issues noted above.
4. It is important to recognize that closing a public swimming facility to patrons is not the same as saying the facility is not to be properly maintained while closed to the public. It is worth noting that pool be maintained and prepared for when this crisis is behind us.

### **Without Properly Maintained Pools, Community Health Issues Will Only Compound the Challenges Facing Our Healthcare Infrastructure.**

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\*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>