



Pool & Hot Tub Council of Canada
Conseil canadien des piscines et spas

COVID-19 & YOUR POOL & HOT TUB

Maintenance

Disease prevention should be the top priority for every water quality management program for pool and spa operators. Disinfection is critical to protect against pathogens, and is best managed through routine monitoring and maintenance of chemical feed equipment to ensure optimum chemical levels in accordance with provincial and local regulations.

According to the CDC*, COVID-19 cannot survive in properly treated pool and hot tub water. In addition, the World Health Organization and the Government of Canada state that controlling water quality is necessary to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

During this crisis it is important that pools and spas be properly maintained

- Microorganisms like bacteria and viruses can live in swimming pool and spa water. Even clear water can have microorganisms in it. Maintaining proper water balance with sanitizers reduces the numbers of microorganisms to safe levels.
- Stagnant bodies of water create breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other disease carrying pests. With spring upon us, we need to remain diligent with treating our bodies of water to avoid breakouts as warmer weather approaches.
- Testing water regularly is necessary to avoid contamination.
- Pools and Hot Tubs should be maintained by service professionals to ensure proper sanitation measures are taking place. Use recommended products to clean and sanitize your pool and spa.
- It is important that current pool and spa projects be completed as unfinished projects pose a safety risk to our communities. Having open holes can collect water which can lead to insect outbreaks or accidents. Damage to the products themselves are also a possibility.

The public is being asked to reduce outside contact. Pools and hot tubs offer a safe and fun escape at home and the more public facilities close- the more people will be looking to enjoy their pool/spa.

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