# Protocols for Reopening of Public Splash Pads

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, that is aligned with California's roadmap to allow the safe reopening of public splash pads.

**Splash pads located within amusement parks are to remain closed until allowed to resume modified or full operation.**

All public splash pad operators covered by this guidance must implement all applicable measures listed below in addition to any relevant sections from the Public Swimming Pool Protocol and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable.

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available so be sure to check the LA County website http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ regularly for any updates to this document.

This checklist covers:

(1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health
(2) Measures to ensure physical distancing
(3) Measures to ensure infection control
(4) Communication with employees and the public
(5) Measures that ensure equitable access to critical services

These five key areas must be addressed as your facility develops any reopening protocols.

**All businesses covered by this guidance must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable to the business.**

**Business name:** _____

**Facility Address:** _____

**Date Posted:** _____

## A. WORKPLACE POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THE FACILITY)

- ☐ Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.
- ☐ Vulnerable staff (those above age 65, those with chronic health conditions) are assigned work that can be done from home whenever possible.
- ☐ All employees have been told not to come to work if sick and to follow DPH guidance for self-isolation if applicable.
  - Create a roster of trained back-up employees.
- ☐ Upon being informed that one or more employees test positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer has a plan or protocol in place to have the case(s) isolate themselves at home and require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s). The employer's plan should consider a protocol for all quarantined employees to have access to or be tested for COVID-19 in order to determine whether there have been additional workplace exposures, which may require additional COVID-19 control measures. See the public health guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace.
- ☐ In the event that the owner, manager, or operator knows of three (3) or more cases of COVID-19 within the workplace within a span of 14 days the employer must report this cluster to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821.
- ☐ Symptom checks are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath or fever and any other symptoms the employee may be experiencing. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon the employees' arrival. A temperature check should also be done at the worksite if feasible.
- ☐ All employees who have contact with the public or other employees during their shift (s) are offered, at no cost, a cloth face covering. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees are instructed to wash their face coverings daily.
  - ***Employees need not wear a cloth face covering when the employee is alone or when in the splash pad.***
- ☐ Breaks are staggered to ensure that six (6) feet between employees can be maintained in break rooms at all times.
- ☐ Employees are prohibited from eating or drinking anywhere other than designated areas to assure that masks are worn consistently and correctly.
- ☐ Disinfectant and related supplies are available to employees at the following location(s) at the site:

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- ☐ Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees at the following location(s) at the site:

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- ☐ Employees are allowed frequent breaks to wash their hands.
- ☐ A copy of this protocol has been distributed to each employee.

- ☐ Optional – Describe other measures:

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## B. MEASURES TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- ☐ Limit use of splash pad facility to ensure that users can maintain, as much as possible, 6 feet physical distance from non-household members. Using a ratio of 1 visitor per 36 square feet of splash pad area can help to determine this limit.
  - Indicate current splash pad square feet: _____ Indicate number of visitors allowed using 1 visitor per 36 square feet: _____
  - Consider implementing reservations for splash pad use.
- ☐ Designate a person(s) that is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that the maximum number of splash pad users as set forth above is not exceeded. The designated person is also responsible for ensuring that these protocols are adhered to on a daily basis. Signage should also instruct parents to assist in making sure children comply with physical distancing and the use of cloth face coverings for children 3 years and older when they are not in the water.
- ☐ Organize lines with markings or other methods to help ensure physical distancing while waiting to enter the Splash Pad.
- ☐ Establish Splash Pad hours of operations to allow for proper monitoring.
- ☐ Barriers should be utilized to enclose Splash Pad area to control entry and exit.
- ☐ Seating areas in the Splash Pad area should be removed or cordoned off to prohibit gatherings.
- ☐ Measures to ensure social distancing (individuals remain at least 6 feet apart from those they do not live with) have been implemented.
- ☐ Changing rooms and restrooms are monitored to ensure that the number of people inside at one time allows for proper physical distancing.
- ☐ Prohibit parties or gatherings other than a single household in all common areas including the splash pad.

## C. MEASURES FOR INFECTION CONTROL

- ☐ Consult with the company or engineer that designed the aquatic venue to decide which List N disinfectants approved by the EPA are best for the aquatic venue.
- ☐ Chlorine levels should be tested hourly and PH levels should be tested twice a day or more frequently as needed. Water chemistry should exceed the minimum recommendations.
- ☐ For facilities that have not been operating, flush each of the hot and cold-water fixtures for five minutes prior to reopening to replace stale water in the facility's plumbing with a fresh and safe water supply.
- ☐ Implement a cleaning and disinfection plan for frequently touched surfaces and for shared objects each time they are used. Use EPA approved disinfectant. The following will be cleaned and disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
  - Door handles and surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations, diaper changing stations and showers _____
  - Common-use facilities (i.e. lockers) _____
  - Restrooms and showers_____
  - Other _____
- ☐ Close off areas as needed for cleaning and disinfection.

- Remove trash and debris, blow or sweep areas. Inspect and report any potential hazards.
- Make sure all drains are free of debris, rocks, glass, or other foreign objects.

☐ Guests and splash pad users must wear cloth face covering when in the splash pad facility, including when traveling to and from the splash pad and during use of shared facilities. Cloth face coverings are not required while in the actual splash pad itself. Children under the age of 3 and those with health conditions that prevent masking are exempt.

☐ Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene are provided at all times. Supplies include soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, paper towels, tissues and trash cans

☐ Drinking fountains are covered to prevent usage.

☐ Individuals should bring their own food and beverage which should not be shared by members outside of the household

☐ High touch features that can be used by children such as hand cannons should be shut off, covered, or removed.

☐ No personal water toys will be allowed at any time in or around the Splash area.

☐ Items brought to the splash pad should not be shared with others outside of the household

☐ Individuals are encouraged to bring their own towels to the splash pad and should not share towels with those outside of their household.

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## D. MEASURES THAT COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC

☐ A copy of this protocol is posted at all public entrances to the splash pad facility.

☐ Signage is posted at each public entrance of the splash pad facility to inform users to:

- Stay home if they are ill or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Maintain social distancing of six feet from non-household members to the extent possible and not to engage in any unnecessary physical contact in the splash pad. Parents should assist their children in complying with these recommendations.
- Wash hands often or use sanitizer upon entry into the splash pad
- Wear a face covering when traveling through common areas of the facility, including to and from the splash pad and in shared restrooms. Remind children to remove cloth face covering when entering the splash pad.

## E. MEASURES THAT ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

☐ Services that are critical to the patrons/residents have been prioritized.

☐ Measures are instituted to assure access to goods and services for those who have mobility limitations and/or are at high risk in public spaces.

You can also find guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for social distancing and facility/surface disinfection procedures at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html.