



HASTINGS WATER WORKS

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Suggestions to Consider for Your Aquatic Facility

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Note: Hastings Water Works is currently suggesting our clients consider using **60 square feet per person within the fenced in area** as a suggested starting point for maximum capacity to reasonably achieve social distancing and **80 square feet per person in the pool itself**. This is our current thinking and may be revised as we continue to monitor and validate our assumptions. Remember, no two pools are alike. You must decide what works best for your patrons, your facility and your organization. Nothing communicated herein is intended as legal advice.

- Establish and post “maximum occupancy” numbers that allow for enough deck/grass space and pool space to achieve social distancing in and out of the water. **Note:** Social distancing is not required for people in same households. As such, a household of four people will require less space than four individual people.
- Consider using a Pool Attendant (not the lifeguard), to monitor the number of people entering/exiting the gated area on days you think maximum capacity could be reached. Use a strict “*One Person Out - One Person In*” policy when capacity is reached. **Note:** a designated person to monitor capacity or social distancing is not specifically mandated by the **Responsible Restart Ohio** guidelines)
- Do not set furniture out for public use: tables, chairs, chaise lounges, umbrellas, toys, flotation devices, etc. Ask patrons to bring their own tables, chairs, umbrellas, toys to the pool. Eliminate “Lost & Found.”
- Per the guidance from Cuyahoga, Lorain and Lake County health Departments (others should follow), you should have a designated person or company responsible/accountable for sanitizing. Having patrons “self-sanitize” by asking them to sanitize furniture they may use is **not** acceptable sanitizing.
- Hastings Water Works’ Lifeguards and/or Pool Attendants will perform sanitation duties as requested and agreed upon, every two hours. Hastings Water Works’ employees will **NOT** sanitize any furniture.
- Public areas and high touch surfaces must be disinfected every two (2), hours including but not limited to: restrooms faucet handles, toilet and urinal handles, door knobs and/or push-plates, stall door handles/latches, pool ladders, handrails for steps into pool, and other items the public may touch.
- Per Ohio Code; one restroom must be Open for use - it can be unisex. All other restrooms can be closed.
- Hot tubs, spas and whirlpools should be drained, secured and closed for the season.
- Consider allowing patrons with even numbered addresses to use the pool for the first half of the day and patrons with odd number addresses to use the pool for the second half of the day - with a 30 minute break between sessions for sanitizing. Flip that schedule every other week to accommodate different schedules your patrons may have. **Note:** Even if addresses can’t be verified, most patrons will follow the rule.
- Reduce or eliminate the number of guests, patrons can bring to the pool. (maybe exempt family members)

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- Clubhouses, meeting rooms, community rooms, cabanas and similar rooms/structures should remain closed to patron's casual use during Pool Hours - unless specifically coordinated by your organization.
- Baby pools/wading pools may only be used if social distancing can be easily achieved. **Reminder:** A parent/guardian must always accompany any child inside the area of the baby pool/wading pool.
- Post cautionary signage advising patrons something similar to: *"your organization assumes no liability regarding any risks associated with COVID-19. Each person entering the gated area acknowledges the risks of contracting a virus is always possible and cannot be completely eliminated"* - to be displayed at the entrance gate and/or inside fenced in area. (seek legal advice for actual language)
- Hastings Water works can provide all required COVID-19 related signage upon request.
- Install social distancing stickers/markers six feet apart on the deck; starting 12" from edge of pool, running the entire perimeter of the pool. One deck sticker/marker should be outside the entrance gate at six feet away and one inside the entrance gate, six feet from the gate. **Note:** You are not required to install physical barriers in the pool water itself. (per local County Health Departments)
- Strongly encourage patrons to wear face masks when not in the water. (wearing masks while in the water is not recommended by local, State or CDC officials)
- Consider eliminating "signing-In", collecting passes and other processes that involve use of a shared pen, papers and similar items, potentially shared and touched by many people.
- If using a gatekeeper person, allow for at least six feet of distance between the gatekeeper location and patrons entering/exiting the facility - or install a shield type barrier to protect the gatekeeper.
- Gatekeepers and other staff should always wear a face mask unless there are specific reasons to not wear a face mask. The CDC recommends lifeguards not wear a mask while on active guard duty, but lifeguards not on active guard duty should wear a face mask.
- Concession stands (if not critical), should remain closed for the season. Follow Ohio and CDC guidelines for restaurants and bars if food and/or beverages are being sold.

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