

Requirements for Public Swimming and Bathing Facilities

In addition to the Healthy at Work [Minimum Requirements](#), **public swimming and bathing facilities**¹ must meet the requirements below in order to reopen and remain open.

- These requirements replace the [Healthy At Work Requirements for Aquatic Centers and Businesses](#) from June 1, 2020 and are applicable to those activities, including exercise, swim lessons, and lifeguard training with groups of 50 or fewer students. If these requirements are followed, they permit pool use for recreation as well.
- Pools must be current on licensing fees and receive opening inspections from their local health department prior to reopening.
- All public swimming and bathing facilities shall continue to comply with the requirements of [902 KAR 10:120](#).
- Facilities should establish a policy whether to serve visitors who do not adhere to the requirements listed below.

Social Distancing Requirements

- To determine the maximum bather load permitted, public swimming and bathing facilities should take the water surface area and divide by 36 square feet. The resulting number is the maximum pool capacity. For instance, a 2000 square foot pool would have a capacity of 55 people ($2000/36 = 55.5$) to comply with social distancing requirements of 6 feet on all sides. Maximum capacity within the entire facility should be calculated in the same fashion. Any chairs on deck should be spaced 6 feet apart on all sides.

¹ The [Healthy at Work Requirements for Public Swimming and Bathing Facilities](#) shall apply to those facilities defined under 902 KAR 10:120, Section 2(46). The regulation states: "Public swimming and bathing facilities" or "facility" means any natural or artificial body or basin of water which is modified, improved, constructed, or installed for the purpose of public swimming or bathing under the control of any person and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Beaches;
- (b) Swimming pools, wading pools, wave pools;
- (c) Competition swimming pools and diving pools;
- (d) Water slides and spray pools; and
- (e) Spas, therapeutic pools, hydrotherapy pools, and whirlpools.

It includes those operated by communities, subdivisions, apartment complexes, condominiums, clubs, camps, schools, institutions, parks, mobile home parks, hotels, recreational areas, or similar public facilities. It does not include any of the above facilities which are at private single family residences intended only for the use of the owner and guests

- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure that proper social distancing is enforced any time individuals' heads are above the water's surface, including a distance of at least 6 feet between all individuals who are not members of the same household.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must eliminate the use of any waiting areas.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must eliminate use of saunas and steam rooms.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure visitors do not congregate in or around the premises.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must, to the greatest extent practicable, modify traffic flow to minimize contacts between employees and visitors.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must prohibit gatherings or meetings of employees of 50 or more during work hours.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must permit employees to take breaks and lunch outside, in their office or personal workspace, or in such other areas where proper social distancing is attainable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should provide services and conduct business via phone or Internet to the greatest extent practicable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should ensure employees use digital files rather than paper formats (e.g., documentation, invoices, inspections, forms, agendas) to the greatest extent practicable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should communicate with clients and receive payments through contactless payment options (e.g., phone or Internet) to the greatest extent practicable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should ensure any employees able to perform their job duties via telework (e.g., accounting staff) to continue to telework.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should discourage employees from sharing phones, desks, workstations, handhelds/wearables, or other work tools and equipment to the greatest extent practicable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should install floor or wall decals for cashier and other queuing areas to demark safe waiting distances of a six (6) feet minimums.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements

Healthy at Work



- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure their facilities, including locker rooms, common areas, breakrooms and restrooms are properly and frequently cleaned and ventilated.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure cleaning and sanitation of frequently touched surfaces (i.e., fitting rooms, doors, PIN pads, lockers, vending machines and common areas) with appropriate disinfectants such as EPA registered household disinfectants, diluted household bleach solution, and alcohol solutions containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure provide hand sanitizer, handwashing facilities, tissues and waste baskets in convenient locations to the greatest extent practicable.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure encourage visitors to properly wash their hands when they arrive at the facility.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces hourly using a chlorine-based disinfectant. This includes, but is not limited to, handrails and ladders that extend above the water line, coping, and spa timer switches.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must establish a cleaning and disinfecting process that follows CDC guidelines when any individual is identified, suspected, or confirmed COVID-19 case.
- If a public swimming/bathing facility serves food or concessions, it must follow the [Healthy At Work Restaurant Requirements](#).
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should ensure disinfecting wipes or other disinfectant are available at shared equipment. Swimmers should not share towels or equipment that has not been properly disinfected.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should encourage patrons to bring their own seating to reduce use of communal of seating.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should frequently sanitize any chairs or other shared surfaces.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should require patrons to arrive in their swim attire so that restrooms are not also used as changing rooms.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should permit patrons to shower at the facility if it can routinely and adequately clean and sanitize the showers and locker rooms on a frequent basis.

- Public swimming and bathing facilities should ensure any retail items or products that are touched by visitors but not purchased are set aside and appropriately cleaned prior to returning to sales shelves. Businesses should refer to CDC cleaning guidelines for guidance.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements

- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure employees wear face coverings and other personal protective equipment (PPE) whenever they are within 6 feet of others so long as such use does not jeopardize the employees' health or safety.
- Lifeguards shall not wear masks while on duty, as it is a safety hazard.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities must ensure their employees wear face masks for any interactions between visitors and co-workers or while in common travel areas of the business (e.g., locker rooms, equipment rooms, breakrooms, bathrooms, entries, and exits).
- Public swimming and bathing facilities may require visitors to wear face masks when they are not in the water and within 6 feet of individuals who are not members of their household. If visitors refuse to wear masks, the facility or business may refuse those individuals entrance to the facility or ask them to leave.

Training and Safety Requirements

- Public swimming and bathing facilities must place conspicuous signage at entrances and throughout the facility alerting staff and customers to the required occupancy limits, six feet of physical distance, policy on face coverings, and good hygiene practices.
- Public swimming and bathing facilities should, to the greatest extent practicable, implement hours where service can be safely provided to clients at higher risk for severe illness per [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html) available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>