



# Pool/Spa Newsletter

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## COVID-19 update

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinded all orders that were put in place May 22, 2020 for public swimming pools/spas. A new order was issued April 5, 2021 and sets updated requirements for wearing masks and social distancing. As we enter swimming pool season, please visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) and review the new order. Although frequent sanitizing is no longer required, we urge all of our operators to continue doing their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping Wood County healthy.

All outdoor pools/spas must contact the health department for an inspection prior to operating for the 2021 season.

## Why record keeping is important

- Helps you, the operator, understand and manage your pool.
- Reduces wasteful spending.
- Allows inspector to see your overall pool operation.
- Diligent record keeping helps to maintain an awesome pool, and is your best legal defense!
- Prevents a facility from receiving violations during an inspection.

## Replacing equipment/Altering a facility

If replacing a piece of equipment with the same make and model number that was originally approved at the facility, no paperwork is required.

If replacing/altering equipment or the layout of a pool/spa, the Ohio Department of Health must be notified. There are specific forms and fees that must be submitted for approval such as an equipment replacement notification form or a plan review application.

Talk to your inspector prior to starting any construction or replacing any equipment.

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## What to expect during a standard inspection

Pool inspections can seem a bit overwhelming, even for the most seasoned operator. It is important to remember, your sanitarian is there to help you provide a safe facility for patrons. If you have questions, please ask your sanitarian.

Items reviewed during a standard inspection include:

### Friendly reminders:

-Backflow preventers on the water lines must be inspected and documented yearly on the tag.

-Air gaps on waste and fill lines must be unobstructed.

- Poolside chemical testing
- Records review
- Safety equipment checks
- Proper signage
- Equipment Inventory
- Operators must show how the Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS) or Automatic Chemical Controller (ACC) is tested
- Main drain cover documentation verification
- Lifeguard certification verification(as needed)

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## Coronavirus Information

At this time, there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. Please reference the information below:

### We're on the web!

[www.WoodCountyHealth.org](http://www.WoodCountyHealth.org)

**Wood County Health Department:** 419-354-2702

**Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline:** 1-833-427-5634

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention:** [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov)

**State of Ohio:** [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

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## 2021 Inspectors

Julie Nye and Jillan Bodey are excited to assist you with your pool this 2021 season. Feel free to reach out to your inspector with any questions or concerns that arise during the coming year.

