

Water Recreation Facilities (Public and Private) COVID-19 Guidance

Summary of March 23, 2021 changes:

- New Phase 3 requirements detailed in linked documents from the Department of Health. Waterparks and waterpark-like features now included in guidance.

Included here:

- Water recreation facilities for appointment only lap swimming and small group swim lessons (public and private)
- Scuba Diving centers/schools
- Waterpark-like features such as water slides or waterparks, lazy rivers, surf pools, wave pools or splash pads

General Requirements

All water recreation facilities must adopt a written procedure for employee safety and customer interaction that is at least as strict as this procedure and complies with the safety and health requirements below, including recreation-specific guidance.

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RESTART COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All water recreation facilities are required to follow the current guideline from the Department of Health, those guideline documents are:
 - [COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases](#)
 - [Guidance for Water Recreation Facility Occupancy](#)
2. If the facility owner is required to provide lifeguards according to WAC 246-260-131(6)(b), the facility must have comprehensive lifeguarding plans in place in writing addressing not only COVID-19 related safety issues, but also other issues related to day-to-day lifeguarding requirements. [Washington Recreation & Park Association](#) has a [lifeguard plan](#) that has been reviewed by DOH and L&I to ensure it is in compliance. L&I's safety and health consultants are available to review safety requirements and provide professional guidance related to the plan. You can request a consultation [here](#).
3. All indoor water recreation facilities should stay updated on advice from national sports associations and the CDC as provided below. If there is any conflict between this document and any document provided below, the requirement in this document prevails.
 - [USA Swimming](#)
 - [CDC](#)

All water recreation facilities must meet and maintain all the requirements in this document, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required, and all requirements in chapter 246-260 WAC, whichever is more strict, to comply.