

Recreational Water Safety Annual Pool/Spa Virtual Assessment Information

Preparing for a Virtual Assessment

We are offering virtual assessments of annual pool and spas that will not result in violations or affect inspection scores. They will be used to help facilities protect the public from injury or illness while reducing the risk of COVID-19 by limiting in-person interactions. Below is a list of supplies and information that will help you prepare for the online assessment. Feel free to contact your inspector if you have any questions or email DLCntyHealthWaterRec@clark.wa.gov.



Online Virtual Assessment Questions

- Facility Name
- Facility Contact Name
- Email
- Phone
- Preferred follow-up method, video or phone call.
- Preferred days or times for scheduled follow-up
- Describe facility operation and average use.
- Number of permitted water bodies at facility
- Barrier checklist, confirm the following: *
 - Doors leading to deck are not fire egress.
 - Doors/gates leading to pool/spa deck are self-closing, self-latching.
 - Doors/gates leading to deck have a 6-inch handle height OR are locked.
 - No gaps allow passage of a 4-inch sphere.
- If applicable, confirm spa has audible emergency pump shut-off within 25 feet.
- For facilities where lifeguards are not required/present, confirm the following:
 - Emergency phone available within 1 min.
 - First aid kit with emergency blanket available.
 - 12-foot pole with life hook & life ring present on deck.
- For facilities where lifeguards are required/present, confirm the following:
 - Personal life buoys and backboard available.
 - Lifeguards provide a response time of 30 seconds or less.
 - Lifeguards wear distinguishing uniform and carry whistle.
- Lifeguards have current certification.
- Equipment/chemical room checklist, confirm the following:
 - Sanitizer used to disinfect water.*
 - NSF/ANSI Standard 50 Approved test kit with DPD powder is available.
 - Adequate chemical storage onsite.
 - Equipment/chemical room locks.
- Pool/spa checklist, confirm the following:
 - Depth markers present on deck and water tile line.
 - Pool/spa surface is smooth and in good repair.
 - Walking surfaces are properly maintained.
 - Ladder/handrails secure.
 - Skimmer equipped with weir door/floating weir
 - Main drains and suction outlets have VBG cover.*
 - Pool/spa rules sign has required elements.
- If applicable, provide reports/description of any serious injuries at the facility since the last inspection.

Document Upload

The following files need to be uploaded while completing assessment. There are NO restrictions on the file type and size that can be uploaded.

- Copy or photo of current water quality logs.

Be Prepared to Discuss the Following

- Changes in operation such as barriers, equipment, or average bather use.
- Any water quality or other issues that have occurred since your last inspection.
- Questions/concerns of facility and pool operator.



Tools and Supplies

- Computer or smartphone. Online form needs to be submitted digitally using a smartphone or desktop computer able to upload saved photos and files. If using an Apple device with camera, photos of required logs can be taken while completing virtual assessment.
- Video conferencing tools when possible. This requires a high-speed internet connection and compatible software including Apple FaceTime, Zoom, or Microsoft Teams.
- *Printer and/or other method to share documents that are required to be reviewed by pool operators and other applicable staff. Assessment questions with an **asterisk (*)** indicate requirement to acknowledge review of online document. Links to required documents are included below and embedded within virtual assessment form.

Ready to complete online assessment? Submit request to receive link via email!

Complete the Virtual Assessment Request Form to have online submission form link emailed. Please note, you cannot save responses to finish online assessment later once started. Prior to beginning ensure to review so that you have all necessary information readily available.

- [Virtual Assessment Request Form](#)

Once submitted, an inspector will be sending the link to complete the online virtual assessment form to the email provided within three (3) business days.

References

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO REVIEW

[Water Recreation Pool Barrier Design Guidelines 2011 \(DOH 333-120\)](#)

[Guidance for Disinfectant Safety, Chlorine Shortage 2021 \(DOH-333-276\)](#)

[CSPC Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety PowerPoint PDF](#)

POOL & SPA GUIDELINES

[Clark County Recreational Water Facility Operations Guide](#) (Updated 6/24/2019)

[Clark County Pool Operator Resources](#) webpage

[Water Recreation Facilities, Chapter 246-260 WAC](#)

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

[Secretary of Health's Mask Order FAQ](#) (Updated 9/27/2021)

[L&I Requirements and Guidance for Preventing COVID-19](#) (Updated 8/23/2021)

[Washington State Coronavirus Response Businesses and Employers Guidance](#) webpage

[Washington State Department of Labor & Industries \(L&I\) Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resources](#) webpage