



March 15, 2021

Dear Pool and Spa Facility Operators:

As more of the population in Contra Costa County becomes fully vaccinated and we all still maintain social distancing and masking, there is a direct effect to the State metrics dictating county restrictions. While the State has moved Contra Costa County into the **Substantial/Red Tier**, restrictions for pools and spas still remain the same:

- **OUTDOOR** pools/spas can be **OPEN**.
- **INDOOR** pools/spas are still **CLOSED**.
 - ◊ *Swim schools where lessons are taught by a certified instructor and therapy pools at licensed medical facilities used for therapeutic purposes continue to be exempted from the indoor pool closures.*

We are hopeful that an increase in vaccinations will continue the downward trend of transmission of COVID-19 allowing Contra Costa County to transition into the **Moderate/Orange Tier** relatively soon. Indoor pools (but not spas) will be allowed to reopen in the **Moderate/Orange tier**.

As a reminder, closed pools and spas must still be maintained to prevent safety hazards. It is important to maintain water chemistry to keep the water clear, make sure the pool/spa enclosure is in good repair, and ensure the pool/spa meets all current standards

Attached is the “Interim Guidance Document for Pool Facilities: Health Officer’s Order (March 14, 2021)” and a link to the Environmental Health COVID Information page:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information :: Environmental Health :: Contra Costa Health Services \(cchealth.org\)](https://www.cchealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information-environmental-health)

Sincerely,

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