

# Precautionary measures to be applied at swimming pools to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

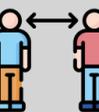
**Entry** into indoor swimming pools shall be restricted to:

 **Those** who received the COVID-19 vaccine or recovered from it.

 **Children** under the age of eighteen provided that children under the age of twelve are accompanied by a vaccinated or recovered adult.

 **Evidence** must be presented via the (BeAware Bahrain) application, any other approved application, or by presenting documents indicating that.

 **For users of outdoor pools**, ensure that non-vaccinated and non-recovering customers download the (BeAware Bahrain) application and activate the location services option. If the application cannot be downloaded, then the customers' personal data (name, contact information, date and time of visit) may be recorded.

 **Pool** visitors and employees of the operating facility must maintain social distancing of two meters at all times.

 **Pool** visitors must wear face masks outside the pool area, especially when dealing with others.

## Requirements to be followed by the facility's management:

 **The facility's** management must ensure that its employees practice good personal and general hygiene.

 **The facility's** management must ensure that its employees wear gloves and face masks throughout working hours.

 **The facility's** management must use an infrared thermometer to check the temperature of employees and pool visitors before entering the facility.

 **Those** with a temperature of 37.5°C or higher, or exhibiting coronavirus (COVID19-) related symptoms, must be denied entry and must immediately leave the premises and call 444.

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## Requirements to be followed by the facility's management:



**Reduce** the number of people in the pool by allocating four square meters for each person and determine the capacity accordingly.



**Seats** must be rearranged to ensure that a safe distance is maintained and direct contact is reduced.



**At least** 70% alcohol-based sanitizers must be provided at entry points and at various areas around the pool.



**All facilities** and chairs must be cleaned and disinfected regularly (at least twice a day) according to the health guidelines. Any equipment or tools used by visitors or staff must be disinfected after each use.



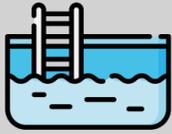
**The facility's** management must clean and disinfect the toilets and showers, disinfect electronic devices upon leaving duty, and correctly dispose of the personal tools used by the pool visitors.



**A sufficient number of trash** receptacles must be provided and waste must be disposed of regularly.

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#### Swimming Pool Requirements

- The facility's management must use approved chemicals to sterilize the pool water and provide special equipment to add these components and measure their percentages on a regular basis. All measurements taken must be recorded in a chart and kept in a health file for the competent department to review. The addition of these components must be supervised by a qualified person or a pool maintenance entity.
- The facility's management must ensure that the total chlorine percentage remaining in the pool water is between 1-3% and the acidity percentage is between 6.8% - 7.8%
- The facility's management must not allow the pool to be used for two hours after the sterilization of its water using chemicals and ensuring its appropriate concentration.
- The facility's management must ensure that pool visitors take social distancing (of 2m) into account when training.
- The facility's management must install the pool lane dividers in Olympic swimming pools only to create spaces and ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times.
- The facility's management must provide lifeguards or other qualified personnel at pool sites throughout working hours. Lifeguards and/or qualified personnel must implement these rules to those who are swimming. In the event of an emergency, life guards do not need to abide by the 2m distancing rule.
- The facility's management must comply with the pools' safety requirements issued by the Minister.



#### Changing Room Requirements

- Single-use disinfectant wipes, sterilizing sprays or at least %70 alcohol-based sanitizers must be provided.
- Lockers must be disinfected and wiped before and after each use with disinfectant wipes or disinfectants if possible (or at least twice a day).
- Toilets, showers and changing rooms may open provided that they are continuously disinfected (at least twice a day).
- Razors, cotton swabs and hair dryers must be removed from all changing rooms.
- Pool visitors are encouraged to bring their own towels. If the facility provides towels, they must be washed with hot water (at least 80 °C) and must be placed in individual bags.

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#### Requirements that the facility's management must direct pool visitors to abide by

- Staff must instruct pool visitors, whether individuals or groups, to maintain a two meters distance between one another at all times.
- The facility's management must use awareness signs and posters regarding hand washing guidelines and good hygiene standards (available at the Ministry of Health in multiple languages).
- The facility's management must use awareness signs and posters that direct pool visitors to wash their bodies and hair with a disinfectant soap and water before entering the pool.

➤ The facility's management must use awareness signs and posters indicating that pool visitors must not share their personal items, like swimming goggles, fins, caps, and other items.

➤ Instruct pool visitors to refrain from physical contact with others in any way, whether during swimming or relaxing, and maintain social distancing.



Facilities that contain tourist facilities or commercial shops at the pools may sell retail goods if the Ministry of Health's health guidelines and requirements for commercial retail stores are adhered to. Customers are encouraged to pay bills electronically. Employees must assist customers during their shopping to limit their contact with goods sold. Customers must stand on the specified floor markings while waiting in line to make a purchase.



The facility's management must instruct F&B retailers affiliated with it or within its spatial scope to only provide takeout and delivery services.



Establishments are subject to inspection by the concerned government entities to ensure compliance with health requirements in accordance with the provisions of this decree.



The facility must close its pools if it is unable to implement the conditions and obligations stipulated in this decree.