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## **Public Aquatic Venue Notification**

The Public Health Order Issued by the New Mexico Department of Health on November 30, 2020 allows all public swimming pools to operate under the restrictions listed below starting at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on December 2, 2020. These restrictions are based on the "Red to Green Framework" and the rating of the county where the pool is located. All public swimming pools whether indoor or outdoor are defined in the Public Health Order as "Outdoor Recreational Facilities".

- Red Level Restrictions: Under red level restrictions, public swimming pools may operate
  at a maximum of 25% capacity set by the relevant fire marshal. Communal spas/hot tubs,
  play and splash areas must remain closed.
- Yellow Level Restrictions: Under yellow level restrictions, public swimming pools may operate at a maximum of 25% capacity set by the relevant fire marshal. Communal spas/hot tubs, play and splash areas must remain closed.
- Green Level Restrictions: Under green level restrictions, public swimming pools may operate at a maximum of 50% capacity set by the relevant fire marshal. Communal spas/hot tubs, play and splash areas must remain closed.

The operator of the public swimming pool is required to review the New Mexico Department of Health Official County Level Rating Map, which can be found <a href="here">here</a>, to determine the level of restrictions they are allowed to operate under. This map will be updated by the New Mexico Department of Health every other Wednesday starting December 2, 2020.

Questions about public swimming pools and the current PHO restrictions may be directed to the local field office or to <a href="mailto:aquatics.program@state.nm.us">aquatics.program@state.nm.us</a> A list of local field offices can be found here.

The most recent copy of the Public Health Order can be found <u>here</u>. Information on the "Red to Green Framework" can be found <u>here</u>.

The "All Together New Mexico: COVID-Safe Practices for Individuals and Employers" (CSP's for short) can be found here.