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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER February 24, 2021 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS Guidance Document

An amended Public Health Order (PHO) was issued on February 24, 2021. The following guidance is provided for the operation of public swimming pools.

- 1. Recreational Swimming Pools** can operate following the “Red and Green” framework under recreational facilities (may include hotel/motel, homeowner associations, apartment complexes, splash pads and kiddie pools):
 - Red** – at 25% capacity (outdoor space only)
 - Yellow** – at 33% capacity (outdoor space only)
 - Green** – at 50% capacity of any outdoor space / 25% of any enclosed space
 - Turquoise** – at 75% capacity of any outdoor space / 50% of any enclosed space
- 2. Non-recreational Swimming Pools** (these include any pool that is designed and used solely for exercise such as lane swimming or other non-recreational activities that do not bring participants within close proximity of one another) shall operate under the following capacities:
 - Red** – at 25% capacity (outdoor or enclosed space)
 - Yellow** – at 33% capacity (outdoor or enclosed space)
 - Green** – at 50% capacity (outdoor or enclosed space)
 - Turquoise** – at 75% capacity of any enclosed space / 100% capacity of any outdoor space

Communal Spa and Hot Tubs must remain closed.