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Public Aquatic Venue Inspection Announcement

The Environmental Health Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is excited to announce that starting as soon as Monday, September 21, 2020, inspections at public aquatic venues will begin. At this time, we will only inspect public aquatic venues that are permitted to operate under current public health orders. Public spas and hot tubs and play and splash areas are to remain closed at this time.

All other public aquatic venues that are inspected and approved to open by the Department are limited to a maximum of 10 people per public pool. If there are multiple pools located in one facility, no more than 10 people are allowed in each pool. Public aquatic facilities that are allowed to operate by the order are also required not to exceed 25% of their maximum occupancy as determined by the relevant fire marshal or fire department.

Any public aquatic venue that has been closed/not in operation for more than 30 days and/or does not have an active operating permit must contact their local NMED Field Office to schedule an inspection of their aquatic venue before reopening.

Local NMED Field Office contact information can be [found here](#).

All public aquatic venues will still need to adhere to the [CDC's Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#), as well as the "[All Together New Mexico](#)" [COVID-safe Practices for Individuals and Employers](#).