



## An Update to my Update from 5.29.20

Every day is something new and today is no exception! As many of you have heard, the Governor has lifted much of her current order and beginning June 8th outdoor pools will be allowed to open at 50%. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

- The governor's updated order regarding pools reads as followed:  
*Unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, public swimming pools, as defined by MCL 333.12521(d), may open as of June 8, 2020, provided that they are outdoors and limit capacity to 50% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code, and subject to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Indoor public swimming pools must remain closed. (Entire order linked below)*
- The Counties issued their own Public Health Orders On Thursday, May 28 (linked below). (Macomb, Wayne, Oakland). **These are still in effect.** At this time pools may not open until those orders are lifted- even IF the Governor has lifted restrictions.
- Most recently, when I spoke to the County today I learned that the 3 department heads are having a meeting today to discuss those orders and we should be seeing some more information soon. (He hinted at an upcoming swim season).
- These Public Health Orders have introduced new guidelines for opening pools to residents. ALL pools will need to be inspected PRIOR to opening to residents. (Before, they could be inspected during season).
- There are many new guidelines for us to meet and it will take some time- We don't even have the official guidelines from the counties- Just our own speculation. We are doing as much as we can with the little information we have.
- We will work around the clock to institute the new guidelines and to have the pools inspected and approved for swimming as soon as we can. PLEASE know we are also at the County's schedule and mercy. Do not expect an open pool on June 8th. BUT we will have them ready and opened ASAP.

All the being said- If your pools **do not wish to open to residents- PLEASE respond to us and let us know ASAP.** Those pools will be maintained on a PAR program basis to stay within the parameters of the Health Departments guidelines on Public Health and Sanitation.

If you're pool wishes to open to residents- The news today is a GREAT step forward and we look forward to seeing all the swimmers out there staying safe, remaining socially distant, and having fun as quickly as time allows.

## An Update regarding the latest Public Health Order

We've received many phone calls and emails regarding the latest Public Health Order issued by Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties On May 28, 2020 (We have not yet heard any information or guidance from Washtenaw County). It is important to note that Pristine Pools had no idea this

order was being issued, in fact, we were totally blindsided by it. Pristine Pools has been working with the State and the Counties, along with looking to the CDC, for guidance on swimming pool safety. We have done everything we can to stay up-to-date and keep our communities up-to-date. To have this communication come out the way it did is EXTREMELY frustrating to us on a professional level.

The links to each order are below- Basically the orders state that pools are closed to the public indefinitely until there is no public threat that exists that require the closure of swimming pools. This **still** leaves room for a safe swimming season but the order is VAGUE.

Our pools are already in their '*closed to public state*' until further notice. We saw the order on the news like many of you. Immediately after receiving the news we contacted the Counties for clarification. When we called the Environmental Health Department (EHD), to our surprise, they ALSO had no idea an order was being issued. *To clarify*-The Environmental Health Department is the division of the Health Department that oversees and inspects public swimming pools. That Division is who we receive **all and any** communication from regarding swimming pools, so for them not to know was appalling to us.

The orders were issued by the Heads of the overall Health Division that oversee all Health aspects of the County. We were shocked that their own sub-departments (EHD) had no idea. There is a HUGE lack of communication from the Division Heads to the professionals and it's disappointing. We are working 24-hours a day to get some answers and clarification because much of the order, as mentioned, is vague.

Below is what we know from the order as it stands.

- Pools must be closed to the residents. (This was something already known and being complied with).
- Pool operators are also expected to:
  - Post a copy of the respective order so that it is visible to employees and visitors. (We were not instructed to do so and had only learned this from reading the order. We will comply. BUT we do already have signs posted stating it is closed for resident use at this time.
  - Ensure that the pool does not become a hazard to health and safety, which includes maintaining proper water chemistry and circulation. (Also already being complied with). We are awaiting clarification on how much maintenance they are expecting. Right now we are maintaining 2 times per week- whether that number goes up is to be seen.
  - Continue the quarterly collection of water samples to check for coliform bacteria (Macomb County requires weekly testing). We had waited on water samples because we typically complete them just prior to opening to residents, but we will comply if needed.
  - In order to reopen the County must complete an inspection on the pool. (Already known and to be complied with).

The more we read these orders, the more we are to believe (not yet confirmed) it is a clarification to the Government's order. Up until this point we had NO guidance from the County-just approval of our submitted plans and strategies at this time. This may be the Counties way of handing down some guidance until more information is provided from the State level which we expect soon. Most of the items in this order are things we have already done and/or complied with for our communities- Pristine Pools was ahead of the County with regards to public safety and compliance. **That being said- I am disappointed that the Health Division Heads would submit an order in such a manner to cause more confusion and uncertainty. I find it irresponsible and thoughtless. I have emailed each Health Division Head with my thoughts on this un-professionalism. Additionally, in this email I have also requested clarification on some of the order's items.**

**I strive to keep our communities up to date with the most current information. I will continue to work in this manner and continue to update every association with news as I receive it.**

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