

Pima County COVID-19 Pandemic Temporary Measures Related to Pools, Fitness Centers and Resorts

The Pima County Back to Business, Resorts, Pools and Gym Group made the following suggestions during its first meeting on May 4. This temporary guidance applies to all public/semi-public pools, gyms, fitness centers, hotels and resorts and will be in effect for the length of the pandemic and until all restrictions are lifted by the Governor. Separate guidance is provided for permitted restaurant and food services that may apply to this group of operators as well.

For pool operators, compliance with such standards is to be validated during regular operator inspections. All establishments that document adherence to the minimum best practice standards below will earn a Pima County Best Practice Pledge badge that can be displayed electronically or physically to provide a visible symbol of the commitment to the communities health and well-being.

Minimum Employee, Vendor, and Guest Health and Wellness Measures:

1. Wellness/symptom and temperature checks for all personnel, vendors, contractors as they arrive on premises and before opening of a pool.
2. Similar wellness and symptoms checks for guests are optional.
3. Cloth masks and gloves and frequent hand-washing is recommended for all staff.

Minimum operation measures:

4. Physical and electronic signage posting at the pool or gym entrance of public health advisories prohibiting individuals who are symptomatic from entering the premises.
5. Indoor occupancy limited to 50 percent or lower unless physical distance of standards can be achieved with higher occupancy.
6. Clearly marked 6 foot spacing marks at entrances, hallways, restrooms and any other location within the gym or pool.
7. Physical distancing of 6 feet minimum between fitness equipment, deck loungers, chairs and/or tables.
8. Elimination of self-service stations including water fountains, unless touchless. Nothing prohibits the serving of bottled water.

9. Hand sanitizers available at entrances to the facility, restrooms and in employee work areas.
10. Sanitize customer areas after each sitting or equipment use with EPA-registered disinfectant, including but not limited to: Tables, Chairs/loungers and other high-touch surfaces.
11. Implement cashless and/or minimal touch payment methods if possible.
12. Post documentation cleaning logs on line and at the entrance documenting cleaning of all public areas (inclusive of counter tops, door handles, waiting areas, etc.) at least every 2 to 3 hours.