Outdoor swimming pools may open after determining the maximum number of people who may be in the pool while safely social distancing (dividing the surface area of the pool by 36).

Patrons must maintain six feet social distance while in the pool and on the grounds.

The following are closed: wading (kiddie) pools, spas (hot tubs), spray or splash pads, and lazy river pools.

Pool operators must implement social distancing measures for all staff and patrons.

Staff should wear face coverings outside of the water when interacting with others.

Patrons should wear face coverings outside of the water whenever possible.

Pools must maintain a supply of soap and hand sanitizer for patrons’ use, as well as an ample supply of pool equipment like noodles and kickboards to minimize sharing. No difficult-to-clean equipment should be shared outside of a family.

Pool operators must disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice a day. They must also clean the floors, toilets, and sinks with soap and water daily. They must clean the pool tile and walls at least once a week.

People who are ill with COVID-19 or in home isolation should not be at the pool.

This summary is a direct order from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health. These directives and all other Executive Orders that still remain in effect must be adhered to. To view this order visit here.