

COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan for Shelter Bay Community Water Recreation Facilities

Introduction

On May 5, 2020, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community revised its Tribal Code Title 10 Community Health, Chapter 10 Recreation and Special Event Safety, to include the regulation of recreational water facilities on the Swinomish Reservation. As a prerequisite to obtaining an operating permit for its pools, Shelter Bay is required by the Swinomish Planning Department to develop and implement a COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan (Plan). This Plan follows the guidance document issued by the Washington State Department of Health's (DOH) publication issued on May 27, 2021, "*COVID-19 Prevention Guidance and Reopening of Water Recreation Facilities in Phases*" which provides guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19 among employees and patrons. This guidance is subject to change as needed.

Guidelines that Apply to All Water Recreation Facilities

High-risk populations are discouraged from using any Water Recreation Facilities until it is safe to do so.

Facility owners and managers must do the following:

Facility Safety

- Ensure that the facility is safe to reopen and meets all requirements in Chapters [246-260 WAC](#) and [246-262 WAC](#), and, [Swinomish Tribal Code 10-10.120 – 10-10.310](#) as applicable.

Designation of Staff to Implement Recreational Water Facilities COVID-19 Safety Plan

- A Pool Attendant will monitor occupancy on weekends and whenever the Office is not staffed.
- During Office hours or when a Pool Attendant is not present, the pool will be monitored by Office staff and management using video camera to ensure occupancy does not exceed 25 people.
- Shelter Bay employees will be educated about COVID-19 in the language they best understand. The education will include the signs, symptoms and risk factors associated with COVID-19 and how to prevent spread. This will be in the form of in-person training

(while practicing physical distancing), handouts, posters, etc.

- All COVID related plans, policies, and protocols will be reviewed by Shelter Bay's COVID Coordinator for approval. All incidents or change in conditions will be documented and reported to the COVID Coordinator.

Registration for Contact Tracing and Crowd Control

- All members and their invited guests will be required to register their name, phone number and time of arrival before entering the pool.

Physical Distancing

- Employees and patrons will maintain six-foot minimum physical distancing as much as possible to minimize potential transmission vectors. This applies to all parts of the facility (in the water, decks, bathrooms, shower rooms, locker rooms, and other communal areas).
- Staff will be required to maintain distancing and patrons will be educated on the need to do so with people outside of their household through verbal instruction and written literature. Communication will include:
 - People from the same household can be together but there should be adequate space to allow for physical distancing between people from different households.
 - All parts of the facility, including but not limited to, pools, spas, decks, locker rooms, shower rooms, restrooms, offices, lounges, and front counters.
 - The types of activities patrons engage in.
- Activities will be avoided unless six-foot minimum physical distancing can be maintained except for unavoidable brief instances where individuals pass by one another unless specifically allowed in this Plan.
- People of the same household may occupy the same lane (or a section of the pool) without physical distancing as long as all requirements below are met and a safe way to get in and out of the pool for the patrons is provided by means of steps, ladders, zero-depth-entry, etc.
- A patron who requires care to participate in activities allowed in this Plan may be accompanied by a caregiver without physical distancing between them as long as the facility staff is informed about it to avoid misunderstanding and confusion.
- The strategy for patrons to maintain six-foot physical distancing in the water, locker rooms, shower rooms, bathrooms, and other communal areas is by controlling the number of people using the facility. **The Lower Pool occupancy will be a maximum of 25 people within the pool fencing enclosure.**
- Lounge chairs and tables will be arranged to encourage physical distancing.

Personal Hygiene

Staff and patrons will be encouraged to protect themselves and others by following

the guidelines below:

- Wash hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. Provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol in addition to (not as a replacement for) handwashing stations if desired.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick. Stay home as much as possible.

Face Coverings and Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Face coverings that cover the nose and the mouth and fit securely on the sides of the face and under the chin are required at all times at a water recreation facility, regardless of vaccination status, according to the [Swinomish Senate's Stay Home Order](#).
 - Face covering may ONLY be removed when:
 - Being in an outdoor public area (e.g., outdoor spa, outdoor pool deck) while maintaining the minimum six-foot physical distancing with all non-household members
 - Engaging in outdoor exercise activities (e.g., swimming in pools)
 - Staff and patrons must wear a face covering in all **indoor environments**, even if six-foot physical distancing is maintained, in situations including but not limited to:
 - Masks made of bathing suit materials are available on the market. It should be made of two or more layers of tightly woven fabric with ties or straps that go around your head or behind your ears.
 - Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding strategies to improve mask fitting to more effectively slow the spread of COVID-19 will be utilized. These strategies include wearing a cloth mask over a medical procedure mask, knotting the ear loops of a medical procedure mask, using a mask fitter, or using a nylon covering over a mask. In addition, DOH does not recommend the use of masks with exhalation valves or vents, or single layer bandanas and gaiters. It is important to wear a mask in all public settings combined with continued implementation of effective public health measures such as vaccination, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and isolation and quarantine.
 - Lifeguards and attendants, who are stationed to control or direct crowds and are not able to consistently maintain a minimum six-foot physical distancing with patrons and expect to get respiratory droplets sprayed on their faces, especially at waterparks, are also required to wear face shields with cloth attachment. If respiratory droplets being sprayed on their faces is not a concern, a face covering that meets the requirements of this section must be worn.

Environmental Hygiene and Sanitation

- Frequent cleaning and disinfection, of high-touch surfaces will be performed as

necessary dependent on use.

- Examples of high-touch surfaces include but are not limited to: door handles, locker handles, faucets, drinking fountains, toilets, shower handles, diaper changing stations, light switches, pens, chairs, tables, desks, handrails, pool noodles, and kickboards.

Symptom Monitoring and Limiting Access to Facility

- Staff and patrons who may have COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into the pool area and those staff and patrons who may develop COVID-19 symptoms while at the facility, will be isolated, referred for medical treatment if necessary, and surfaces and areas frequented by the individual will be sanitized.
- Health screening questions will be asked of each patron within 24 hours prior to entry into the facility and deny access according to the policy above.
- Access will be discouraged to the facility by patrons who may be infectious by providing:
 - Information on websites and through social media.
 - Signage at the entrance.
 - Information handout, verbal instruction, or whatever method works best for your facility.
 - Shelter Bay has signage compliant with [WAC 246-260-131\(5\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#) which states, “Prohibiting use by anyone with a communicable disease or anyone who has been ill with vomiting or diarrhea within the last two weeks.”

Exposure Response Procedures All potential exposures of patrons or staff will be reported to the Manager and COVID Coordinator for evaluation and further action.

- If an exposure is confirmed, all registered members or their invited guests present at the pool during the time of exposure will be notified of their possible exposure. The Manager and COVID Coordinator will be contacted

Post-exposure Incident Mitigation and Recovery Plan

- After a possible exposure or confirmed case of COVID-19 has been determined, all areas where that person(s) resided must be thoroughly disinfected and the COVID Coordinator notified.
- Shelter Bay Community will contract with SERVPRO of Skagit County to provide professional decontamination and cleaning services of the facilities affected.

Other Considerations

Facility Type Specific Requirements

Reference the applicable guidelines for each type of facility and each phase.

Definitions:

Perimeter deck means the hardscape surface area immediately adjacent to and within 4 to 6 feet of the edge (depending on the design) of the pool also known as the “wet deck” area.

Pool deck means surface areas serving the water recreation facility, beyond perimeter deck, which is expected to be regularly trafficked and made wet by bathers.

Dry deck means all pedestrian surface areas within the water recreation facility enclosure not subject to frequent splashing or constant wet foot traffic. The dry deck is not perimeter deck or pool deck, which connect the pool to adjacent amenities, entrances, and exits. Landscape areas are not included in this definition.

Guidelines for All Water Recreation Facilities at Shelter Bay

Shelter Bay's Water Recreation Facilities regulated under [Swinomish Tribal Code 10-10.120 – 10-10.310](#), [WAC 246-260](#) and [WAC 246-262](#) are allowed to open regardless of indoor or outdoor setting if the following requirements are met:

- An appointment system is not a requirement of governing law, but may be instituted if it helps control the size of crowds within the facility for easy physical distancing. Facility managers will be responsible for ensuring that the crowd size never exceeds the maximum occupancy requirements provided in this section. Maximum occupancy will be posted on site at all limited use pools that are not staffed during all open hours, and it must be enforced by facility staff.
 - For pools that are classified as a “limited use pool” as defined in [WAC 246-260-010\(46\)](#), invited guests are allowed to use the pool as long as the maximum occupancy is posted on site and it is strictly followed by the users and enforced by the facility staff.
- The most restrictive of all below must be followed. The total number of patrons (the sum of the number of patrons in the water and the number of patrons on the deck excluding facility staff) present within the facility at any given time must not exceed:
 - All patrons are able to comfortably and reasonably practice six-foot minimum physical distancing at all times except for between people from the same household.
 - 50% of the maximum occupancy during normal times if a maximum occupancy is provided by the local building department or fire department. **This is 25 people.**
 - In the water: Water surface area (square footage) of the pool divided by 72.
 - On the deck: The surface area (square footage) of all available decks (areas used regularly by patrons, and this includes all deck space (perimeter deck, pool deck, and dry deck) within the enclosure) divided by 72. Do not include areas that are not typically used by patrons or areas that are only for staff.
- There is no limit on the number of swimmers allowed in each lane for lap-swimming. However, physical distancing requirements must be followed except when swimmers briefly swim past each other.

Reopening by Facility Type and Pool Type

Facility Type	Pool Type	Pay Particular Attention to	Additional Notes
Apartments Condominiums Mobile home parks HOAs Boarding homes Fraternity Sorority	Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide plenty of space to keep unrelated individuals separate • Educate/encourage patrons to practice physical distancing • Discourage people from using communal areas • User rotation recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use an appointment system as much as possible • Post maximum occupancy and enforce it
	Spas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller spas may allow only one person at a time • Discourage people from using communal areas 	