

Section	300 Operations
Title	Inclement Weather
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Authority

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on the availability of the facility due to inclement weather.

Delegation of Responsibility

The general manager or designee shall be responsible to monitor the weather and carry out the procedures as follows.

Guidelines

Beginning of the Day - If there is inclement weather upon the manager's arrival to the pool, the following procedure shall be followed:

Manager should check the weather forecast to determine the forecasted duration of the inclement weather.

If the inclement weather is going to terminate before normal opening hours then the manager shall proceed as normal.

If the inclement weather is forecasted to continue past normal opening hour, then the manager shall determine if the forecast would allow for a late pool opening. If so, the manager shall promptly call staff and reschedule their start times in coordination with the new opening time.

If the inclement weather is forecasted to last through other potential opening times, then the manager shall make the decision to keep the pool closed for the day. The manager shall then promptly notify staffing of the decision.

During the Day

If inclement weather appears to be **approaching** the following procedure shall be followed:

A lifeguard shall sound out two whistle blasts to notify the manager of the change in the weather.

The pool's sound system, sliding board, and baby pool raintree shall be turned off to allow for thunder to be heard clearly.

If thunder is heard, the pools shall be cleared of patrons immediately by the use of one long whistle blast followed by direction.

Once all pools have been cleared, lifeguards shall ensure that no one re-enters the pool until safe to do so.

Manager shall continue to monitor for thunder.

Once a period of 30 minutes has passed with no further thunder being heard, lifeguards shall resume positions and patrons shall be allowed to re-enter pools.

If lightning is seen or the weather worsens, any remaining patrons shall be moved to the bathhouse side of the facility to keep them as safe as possible until they decide to leave or the weather passes.

If the inclement weather is forecasted to persist, the manager shall close the pool and any remaining patrons along with staff shall leave when safe to do so.

Rain - If the inclement weather consists of only precipitation, the following procedure shall be followed:

Swimming activities shall be permitted if the main drains can be clearly seen from the lifeguarding station responsible for monitoring that area of the pool.

If the main drains cannot clearly be seen, then the pool shall be cleared of patrons immediately using one long whistle blast followed by direction.

If the forecast indicates that this type of rain is going to persist for at least one hour or longer, then the manager shall close the pool.

If the main drains become visible again from the lifeguarding station, then patrons shall be allowed to re-enter pools after all lifeguards are in position.

Procedure if inclement weather passes after pool closing - If the weather turns fit for swimming pool activities after the pool has been closed, the following procedure shall be followed:

The manager shall determine an appropriate opening time that will allow for adequate time for staff to return and pool chemicals to be adjusted properly, as necessary.

Manager shall attempt to call staff to return to the pool.

Manager shall not reopen the pool if minimum staffing does not return. Minimum staffing is determined by lifeguard requirements described in the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code.

If minimum staffing needs are reached, the Manager shall reopen the pool.

Poor Attendance Closing - In the event there is a situation that has caused poor pool attendance (ex. Cool/cloudy weather, reopening after inclement weather, time of the day) the following guidelines shall be followed:

Poor attendance caused by Cool/Cloudy Weather

The manager shall recognize that there is poor attendance and decrease staffing to the minimum required staffing described by the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code.

The manager shall determine the number of patrons at the pool.

If less than 25 adult patrons are at the pool, the manager shall start a 1-hour assessment period.

The manager shall notify all current patrons that the pool shall close in one hour if more patrons do not arrive.

If the number of adult patrons increases to 25 or above, the pool shall remain open.

If the number of adult patrons drops below 25 again, the manager shall start another 1-hour assessment period and repeat previous steps.

Poor attendance with good weather - If good weather is present and there is poor attendance, the following procedure shall be followed:

The manager shall recognize that there is poor attendance and decrease staffing to the minimum required staffing described by the Pennsylvania Department of Health Public Bathing Code.

At 5:00 pm the manager shall determine the number of patrons at the pool.

If less than 25 adult patrons are at the pool, the manager shall start a 1-hour assessment period.

The manager shall notify all present patrons that the pool shall close in one hour if more patrons do not arrive.

If the number of adult patrons increases to 25 or above, the pool shall remain open.

If the number of adult patrons drops below 25 again, the manager shall start another 1-hour assessment period and the previous shall be repeated.

The pool shall not be closed before 6:00 pm when good weather is present.

At any time, under any conditions, management reserves the right to limit the amount of pool and facilities available.