

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Is my swimming pool safe?**

The SPASA WA office has received several enquiries regarding COVID-19 and whether it can be transmitted via swimming pool water.

As industry would be aware the purpose of correct water balance including the chlorination of swimming pools and/or spas is to kill bacteria and viruses. AS3633-1989: Private swimming pools - Water quality provides clear direction on maintaining healthy water, in summary, a pool or spa with correctly balanced pool and spa water chemistry is safe.

The [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) have stated that:

*"There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. Proper operation, maintenance, and disinfection (e.g., with chlorine and bromine) of pools and hot tubs should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19".*

We have been made aware of some large aquatic centres in Western Australia that are considering restricting access or may have already closed, this is more to do with social distancing and not problems with the swimming pool water itself.

### **Reminder**

If you or any of your staff suspect you may have COVID-19 coronavirus symptoms or may have had close contact with a person who has COVID-19 coronavirus, you should contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

If you are attending a general practice or other medical centre, it is important to ring ahead of time to make your doctor aware of your symptoms and your travel history.

COVID clinics are now open in Western Australia for people with fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough or sore throat AND:

- have returned from overseas travel in the last 14 days OR
- are a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case OR
- believe they have may have been in close contact with a person infected with COVID-19.

### **Protect yourself**

- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash hands often
- Stay home if unwell
- Social Distancing

Further resources published by the Western Australian State Government relating to COVID-19 can be viewed [here](#)

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