Pool Opening Checklist for Operators

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- ☐ Start operating records when testing begins
- ☐ Restock DPD test kit (check expiration dates on reagents & discard if needed) & record keeping sheets
- ☐ Check chemicals (per 410 IAC 6-2.1-30(o & p))
  - Disinfectant-

	Chlorine	**Bromine**
Pool Type	Min - Max	Min - Max
Wading pool	3.0ppm – 7.0 ppm	4.0ppm - 10.0ppm
Spa	2.0ppm – 7.0 ppm	4.0ppm - 10.0ppm
Waterslide plunge	2.0ppm – 7.0 ppm	3.0ppm - 10.0ppm
Wave	2.0ppm – 7.0 ppm	3.0ppm - 10.0ppm
All other pools	1.0ppm – 7.0 ppm	2.0ppm - 10.0ppm

  - Combined Chlorine (0.49 ppm or less)
  - pH (7.2-7.8)
  - Total Alkalinity (80-120 ppm)
  - Calcium Hardness (if using Saturation Index to Balance)
  - Cyanuric Acid (No greater than 60 ppm) **outdoor pool use only**
  - Record all results
- ☐ Chemicals & items stored 6" off floor
- ☐ Inspect/replace equipment
  - US Coast Guard approved ring buoy with ¼ inch rope attached (rope length should be width of pool to no greater than 45 feet)
  - Life pole/shepherd's crook
  - Spine board, straps, & head immobilizer
  - Lifeguard chair/platform (if required)
  - Stocked 24-unit ANSI standard Z308.1-2003 or 2009 first aid kit with 2 blankets
  - Phone with posted:
    - Address
    - 911
    - Hospital
    - Police
    - Fire Department
  - Removable buoyed transition line (if pool depth is greater than 5 feet)
  - Depth markers
  - Visible main drains
  - Main drain covers (not broken, cracked or missing screws)
  - Skimmer baskets/gutters
  - **Warning signs** (legible letters @ least 4 inches):
    1. Danger--Hazardous Chemicals (on/adjacent to storage room)
    2. Warning-- No Lifeguard on Duty No Swimming Alone. Children Under 14 years of age and Nonswimmers shall not use the pool unless accompanied by a responsible adult. (2nd sentence must be @ least 2 inches high)
    3. Pool Closed (when not open for use)
    4. No Diving (nondiving areas & areas 5 feet or less; not required @ spas/wading pools)

- **Sanitation and safety rules within pool enclosure** (legible letters @ least 1 inch):
    1. Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past two (2) weeks shall not use the pool.
    2. Anyone who has an area of exposed subepidermal tissue, open blisters, cuts, etc., is advised not to use the pool.
    3. All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take another cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure.
    4. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.
    5. No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, on the runways, on diving boards, on floats, on platforms, in dressing rooms, or in showers.
    6. Street clothes are not allowed in the pool.
    7. All diaper aged children shall use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic at the legs and waist, or swim diapers.
    8. Do not change diapers at poolside.
- **Signs required posted for spas only**:
    1. Pregnant women, small children, or persons with heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, or low blood pressure should not enter the spa except under advice of a physician.
    2. Avoid use while under the influence of alcohol, tranquilizers, or other drugs that cause drowsiness or raise or lower blood pressure.
    3. Exposure greater than fifteen (15) minutes may result in drowsiness, nausea, or fainting.
- **Signs required posted near entrance of swimming pool slides**:
    1. One (1) rider at a time. Wait until the landing area is clear before entering the slide.
    2. Slide in a sitting position or on the back only.
    3. Do not attempt to stop on the slide.
    4. Leave the plunge area immediately.
    5. Warning: Water depth is ____ feet.
- **Signs required posted near entrance of water slides**:
    1. Only one (1) rider at a time.
    2. Follow the instructions of the attendant and/or lifeguard.
    3. No running, standing, kneeling, rotating, tumbling, or stopping in the flumes.
    4. No diving from a flume.
    5. Leave the plunge pool promptly after entering.
- **Maximum bather load posted within pool enclosure**. (lettering @ least one (1) inch)

☐ Recirculation (See 410 IAC 6-2.1-32)
☐ Verify hot water heater is operational (90˚F - 120˚F at hand sinks/showers)
☐ Stock restrooms
- hand drying provisions
- covered trash can
- liquid soap
- toilet tissue
- 90-120˚F water at hand sinks/showers

☐ Begin bacterial water testing 1 week prior to opening
☐ Lifeguards, if required
☐ Temperature (Spas- No greater than 104˚F)
☐ Call inspector for opening inspection

*** Always Reference 410 IAC 6-2.1 ***