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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BRANCH AND DRINKING WATER

#### EHS Circular Letter #2021-42

**TO:** Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians

**FROM:** Lori J. Mathieu, Branch Chief  
Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

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**DATE:** June 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Updated Guidance for Operating Public Pools

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On May 19<sup>th</sup> when the Governor reopened Connecticut and relaxed restrictions on mask wearing and social distancing, the Department of Public Health (DPH) issued guidance that is intended to provide the public with information on continuing to keep safe as more people become vaccinated. This guidance can be found on:

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/Community\\_Resources/Vaccinations/Print-Materials/Fact-Sheets/COVID\\_Rules\\_Vaccinated.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/Community_Resources/Vaccinations/Print-Materials/Fact-Sheets/COVID_Rules_Vaccinated.pdf)

These are the only guidelines in place at this time and all prior rules and requirements concerning the use of public pools during the pandemic have been lifted, including the guidelines issued by the DPH on April 19, 2021. While mask wearing is still encouraged for unvaccinated people, at no time should a mask be worn by any person while they are in a public pool.

Owners of public pools, including property management, can determine what policies, procedures, and rules are appropriate for those using their property. Some of the language in the DPH guidance can be used to help determine what steps to take to meet the demands of patrons using the public pool while making recreational areas safer for everyone.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Recreation Program at (860) 509-7334.

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