

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Dear Swimming Pool Facility Owner,

We are contacting you to provide you with additional information regarding the reopening of swimming pools during the COVID-19 crisis. Swimming pool reopenings (from covering/winterization) are generally allowable, in the context of a routine maintenance program to prevent public health hazards and nuisances.

At this time, however, commercial pools are still not allowed to be "open" for public or private (e.g., homeowner association) use. As soon as we receive additional guidance from the New York State Department of Health, we will provide it to you.

Please be advised that once a swimming pool is reopened, the pool must be properly maintained. The water circulation and sanitizing systems must be operated to maintain water quality. The New York State Department of Health has confirmed that pool maintenance companies are considered an "essential" function under the New York State Executive Order 202.

While swimming pool maintenance is permitted, no public or private (e.g., HOA) swimming pool facility may be opened for use at this time. Personnel at a swimming pool facility must be limited to those necessary for support of the service and maintenance of the swimming pool(s).

Please be safe and maintain social distancing. This office will keep you informed of any changes in the New York State pause that will affect your swimming pool facility. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at chris.lubicich@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Regards,

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