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TO: Elkhart County Public Swimming Pool Operators

FROM: Elkhart County Health Department

RE: Pool Operator Information

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It is the legal responsibility of public pool owners and operators to ensure that the following items are addressed.

Weekly Bacterial Sample A weekly bacterial sample must be collected and analyzed by an Indiana certified Environmental Microbiology lab. (List available at the Elkhart County Health Department). A copy of the result must be sent to the Elkhart County Health Department.

Log Sheets Daily log sheets must be kept on pool chemistry and operation and must be available for inspection upon request along with bacterial sample result copies. Disinfectant and pH levels must be checked daily before the pool is open and at least one other time during the day. Spa disinfectant and pH levels must be checked three times daily. Combined chlorine must be tested at least twice a week, and alkalinity at least once a week. These readings must be logged on an approved log sheet.

Operator on Duty A responsible trained operator must be on the premises at all times when the pool is open. The operator must check disinfectant and pH levels and adjust chemistry as needed or close the pool in an emergency.

Vacuumping/Skimming All visible dirt must be vacuumed from the pool bottom prior to operation. All floating debris must be continuously removed and skimmed when needed.

Water Clarity If pool water becomes cloudy to the point where the main drain is not clearly visible, the pool must be closed until the proper clarity is achieved.

Disinfectant Level If the disinfectant level drops below the level required for the type of pool in question, the pool shall be cleared of swimmers until the appropriate level is obtained. If the disinfectant level falls below 0.5 ppm chlorine, or below readable levels the pool shall be closed and super chlorinated for 24 hours. The chlorine level must fall back down to no more than 7 ppm prior to reopening pool.

For further information and log sheets please contact ECHD, 4230 Elkhart Road Goshen, IN 46526, 574-875-3391.