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Swimming Pool Inspections Ensure Facilities Stay Safe and Clean

Memorial Day weekend is often considered to be the unofficial start of summer. As temperatures rise, there's no better way to cool off than taking a dip in one of our county's local public pools. If you or your family has enjoyed any of Moore County's public swimming pools during the summer months or any time of year- you may have wondered about how those pools are kept safe for us to swim in. Moore County Environmental Health Specialists work hard to ensure our county's indoor and outdoor public swimming pools are safe, clean and ready for use during the summer swimming season and throughout the year. Our county's Environmental Health Division inspects all seasonal public swimming pools annually and year-round pools bi-annually. A pool must pass an inspection before a permit to operate is issued. There are approximately 86 public swimming pools and spas in Moore County.

What are the inspectors looking for? First, they check the water quality which includes PH and disinfectant levels. It is important to have the correct level of chlorine or bromine to properly disinfect the pool water. They also make sure the water is clean and there is a clear view of the bottom. Drownings are more likely to occur in pools with reduced clarity.

Inspectors examine the equipment in the pump room to ensure the pool pumps and filtration systems are working properly. Pool drain covers are examined for damage and suction hazards.

Inspectors also check to see if required safety equipment is in place. Does the pool have a body hook and ring buoy or a lifeguard? Are warning signs posted? Is there an emergency telephone capable of directly dialing 911? Is there a self-latching and self-closing gate or is there a gate

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attendant? These are just some of the many things inspectors look for to make sure a pool is safe.

If you have a question about any public swimming pool in Moore County, you can contact the Moore County Office of Environmental Health at 910-947-6283. For more information about the Moore County Health Department, visit www.moorecountync.gov/health. For Health Department news and updates, “like” us on Facebook (MOCO Health) or “follow” us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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