



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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March 12, 2009

Dear Pool Facility Operator,

Re: **2009 Swimming Pool/Beach License & Water Testing**

I. Swimming Facility 2009 License

All public and semi-public swimming facilities are required to be licensed in Johnson County. Enclosed please find an invoice for this year's 2009 Swimming Pool License. Please complete the invoice and make corrections as needed. The Emergency Chemical Registration Form must also be completed and updated.

Both forms should be filled out and submitted along with your appropriate fee remittance. Please note that the license fee schedule is \$75 for seasonal pools and \$150 for year-round pool operations. There is a delinquent fee (additional 50 % of fee) after May 31, 2009.

II. Indiana Pool Rule

Johnson County has adopted the Indiana State Department of Health Swimming Pool Rule, 410 IAC 6-2.1 as of June of 2003. Standards as specified in this Rule will be enforced by Johnson County Health Department inspectors. A copy of this rule may be obtained from this office or at the Indiana State Department of Health website:

www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/saneng/environmental_health/environmental_health.htm#pools.

Spring pool classes will cover the rule requirements; please try and attend.

III. Water Testing Requirements

It is a state law requirement that each swimming pool or beach turn in a water sample **the week prior to opening, and then for every week it is open**. The owner/manager of each pool shall arrange for the collection and examination of each weekly sample. The following options are available:

1. Each pool may arrange individually for analysis with any laboratory certified by the Indiana State Department of Health. A copy of the weekly report must be forwarded to this office. Certified labs are listed at: www.in.gov/isdh/labs/micro2001.htm
2. The Johnson County Health Department has arranged for group collection and pickup with a certified laboratory. Artesian Water Laboratory of Bloomington has agreed to charge participating facilities a reduced rate of \$20.00 per pool water analysis (\$48.00 per beach). This fee is based on specific collection and billing requirements. (Please see enclosure.)
3. Collection sites in Greenwood and Franklin are available on Monday of each week. Samples must be in by 11:00 AM. (Please see enclosure.) Collection is available year round so you may submit at any time. (Please note Holiday exceptions on the enclosed information sheet.)

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IV. Pool Manager Training Classes

Johnson County Health Department is offering **FREE** Pool Manager training classes this year. We urge you to take advantage of these classes so that you are aware of required health department standards for swimming facilities. A schedule is enclosed. Please call to register.

V. Injury/Death Report Form (Indiana State Dept. of Health)

Enclosed is a blank "Injury/Death Report" form that is required to be filled out and sent to the Indiana State Dept. of Health and Johnson County Health Department in the event of serious injury (requiring a Doctor's care), drowning, or death at your pool or beach facility. Please retain this form and make copies as needed.

VII. "Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2007" (New Federal Act)

NEW This Act imposes mandatory federal requirements for suction entrapment avoidance in all pools & spas as of 12/20/2007. Upgrades require most pools to replace drain covers and some to install safety vacuum release systems. An information sheet is enclosed for your review.

VII. Spring Start-up Lists

Enclosed are start-up lists to help you get your pool going for the summer season as well as closing procedures. These are only broad recommendations and must be adjusted for weather and individual pool characteristics.

The Johnson County Health Department would like to thank all our pool and beach operators for working to make a safe and healthy swimming environment for the citizens of our county. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Chris Menze

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Environmental Health Specialist

Enclosures (8)