



Frequently Asked Questions-Swimming Pools

Submit your questions to: NMCPHCPTS-EnvironmentalHealthGroup@med.navy.mil

What instruction provides Navy guidance for swimming pools and other recreational water areas?

- BUPERSINST 1710.11C, Chapter 15 - Aquatics Programs and Facilities
- NAVMED P-5010 Chapter 4 (Guidance)

Should bacteriological water samples be taken during an inspection?

Bacteriological analysis records should be reviewed during pool inspections. Bacteriological testing is used to evaluate the disinfection process and measure the potential for pathogen transmission.

How often are swimming pools inspected?

Swimming pool facilities should be inspected at least monthly. The pool manager or designated representative should be present during inspections. An inspection must be conducted when disease transmission is suspected or upon request of the recreation director or public works officer. Special inspections should be performed prior to opening each season, prior to opening a new or renovated pool.

What guidance is available as a resource to respond to a fecal incident?

The NMCPHC developed a [Fecal Incident Response](#) plan for swimming pool staff based on guidance from the CDC. The response plan may be incorporated into local swimming pool facility SOPs.

Is there any training available for swimming pool inspections?

Yes, the NMCPHC developed a [Swimming Pool Inspection Refresher Course](#) (via DCO; DCO account required).

Additionally, there are course available via the National Swimming Pool Foundation at an associated cost.



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You may contact the following public health resources for guidance and assistance:

1. Navy and Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit

Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit TWO (NEPMU-2)
1285 West D Street, BLDG U238
Norfolk, VA 23511-3394
Phone (757) 953-6600
DSN 377-6600
Email: NEPMU2Norfolk-FleetandFMFSupport@med.navy.mil
Website: http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nepmu2/Pages/env_health.aspx

Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit FIVE (NEPMU-5)
3235 Albacore Alley
San Diego, CA 92136-5199
Phone (619) 556-7070
DSN (312) 526-7070
e-mail: nepmu5@med.navy.mil
Website: <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/nepmu-5/operational-support/environmental-health/Pages/default.aspx>

Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit SIX (NEPMU-6)
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DSN (315) 471-0237
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Website: <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/nepmu-6/Pages/operational-support.aspx#eh>

2. Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC)

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