

## PUBLIC POOLS

### Public Pools in Clinton County

When you go swimming at public swimming pool, or soak in a public hot tub or spa, Clinton County Health Department strives to ensure your and your loved ones' safety.

The Clinton County Health Department work with our partners who own or operate public pool facilities by insuring the each facility has an approved bathing safety plan, adequate bather supervision, the required first aid equipment, the proper operation and maintenance of equipment, proper use of chemicals, etc.

### What is the purpose of the New York State Bathing Codes?

The purpose of the New York State bathing codes are to substantially reduce the risk of drowning, near drowning, disease, or injury for the public using the bathing facility and to substantially reduce the liability of permitted facility owners.

New York State Sanitary Code Subpart 6-1 assures a sanitary, healthful and safe environment for the public when using swimming pools.

### Information for the General Public

We want you to enjoy yourself at Clinton County's permitted pools.

We work with pool owners and operators to ensure proper supervision of patrons, the bathing water meets the required bathing standards, proper safety and first aid equipment is available, a way to contact emergency medical services is in place, the lifeguard are properly trained, and a facility specific emergency plan is implemented.

***NOTE:** The Clinton County Health Department does not regulate individual home swimming pools or hot tubs, or private beaches, spa pools used under medical supervision or associated with hospitals, and float tank or relaxation tank used for solitary body immersion in skin temperature salt water. Home owners wishing to install swimming pools or hot tubs should contact their town's or village's local code enforcement official, or the City Building Inspector if the home owner lives in the City of Plattsburgh.*

### Pool Related Issues and Diseases

Swimmer's Ear

Cryptosporidiosis

Giardiasis

Recreational Water Diseases

## Parents Responsibilities

Parents need to Learning and practicing the avoidance of risk factors can greatly reduce the chances of water-related injuries including drowning for you and your family.

Parents should not trust a lifeguard to be continuously watching their child because the lifeguard's responsibility is track all the bathers in the water. This can be a big problem when there are many bathers for the lifeguard to track.

The lifeguard does not know your child's swimming skills but you do. A child who cannot swim becomes buoyant once the water is chest high on the child (A young child could have a problem at the shallow end of a swimming pool because the water depth is usually three feet deep). This means that the child not be able to touch the bottom and now is in severe danger of drowning because s/he is able to swim.

It takes as little a ten seconds for a young child to drown. For your child's sake, please, watch your child when s/he is in the water particularly if s/he cannot swim.

Remember to swim at a regulated facility, use a buddy system when swimming, know your limits, and watch your children particularly when they are in the water, and please do not drink alcoholic beverages and then go swimming.

## Contact Us

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