

******* 2008 RECREATIONAL SEASON NEWSLETTER *******

The Central Michigan District Health Department would like to welcome your facility to the 2008 recreational season and reminds you of some operational procedures required by State campground and swimming pool rules.

**CAMPGROUND AND/OR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OWNER/OPERATORS IN
THE CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT**



FOR CAMPGROUNDS:

- If closed for the winter season, please disinfect and sample the water supply. Two safe bacteriological (taken at least eight hours apart) and one nitrate water sample result is required before opening.
- Campground water risers need to be equipped with an atmospheric vacuum breaker, and water lines cannot be buried between the camping unit and the riser.
- If applicable, maintenance of the campground septic system and system components is the responsibility of the campground. Septic tanks need to be pumped as often as necessary and drainfields inspected for saturation or leaks.
- Temporary food licenses are required when a campground or other organization provides prepared foods to the public. A campground which prepares hot dogs, hamburgers, eggs, chili or other similar foods must apply for a temporary food license at least 5 working days in advance of the event. If you are preparing any type of food for campers and are unsure whether a license is needed, contact your local health department office.



FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS:

- Monthly operation reports need to be completed on a daily basis and copies sent to your local CMDHD branch office on a monthly basis.
- Quarterly bacterial samples (unless required more frequently by the local health department) need to be obtained with safe results and copies of the results sent to your local CMDHD branch office.
- Proper working flow meters need to be installed and maintained in the pump houses. This is a leading cause of pool rule violations.
- Any problems with the pool water quality or other issues need to be reported to your local CMDHD branch office immediately.
- A qualified person needs to be readily available at all times or within 15 minutes of being contacted whenever the pool is accessible to swimmers. This qualified person is required to be familiar with pool operations, such as water chemistry and mechanical equipment, and pool safety. A copy of contingency plans is required to be at the pool premises.
- Pool safety equipment such as approved backboards, head immobilizers, rescue poles, first aid kits, rescue rings, etc., must be located at the pool where easily accessible.

FOR CAMPGROUNDS AND SWIMMING POOLS:

- Any changes to campsites, water lines, sewage system components, electrical systems, pumps, disinfection equipment, etc., need to be approved by the State prior to being placed into service via a construction permit.
- The Assurance Water Lab of Central Michigan District Health Department offers bacteriological drinking water and pool water testing with a rapid turn around time of 1-3 days. Contact your local branch office to inquire about testing and delivery procedures.

Contact your local health department office if you have any questions regarding these issues.



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