

New York State Guidelines on Reopening Public Swimming Pools

On June 11, 2020, New York State released reopening guidelines for public and private owners and operators of pools and recreational aquatic spray grounds, including but not limited to cities, villages, towns, campgrounds, children's camps, day cares, hotels, assisted living facilities, schools, colleges, universities, mobile home parks, homeowners' associations, and apartment complexes.

Under New York State COVID-19 mandates, the sole responsibility of reopening pools is left to the State, a Township (if it is a public Town pool), or the governing board of a Home Owner's Association (HOA). Many State and Town Pools remain closed due to the stringent and costly protocols that are required by the CDC and the Department of Health, including personnel, screening, ventilation, safety plans and cleaning. Many HOA's here in the East End have elected not to open. It is important to note, the Town of Riverhead ***has no authority to open or close public or private pools.***

Please visit

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/06/doh_covid19_pool_advisory_061120_0.pdf for more information on the New York State Department of Health Interim Guidance for Pools and Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Further questions regarding reopening swimming pools during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis can be directed to the Suffolk County Health Department Pool Services hotline at 631-854-2525.