

Guidance for reopening pools will be published by Swim England on 15 Jun 2020

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Robust guidance to help the aquatics sector prepare for the reopening of pools will be released by Swim England on Monday 15 June 2020.

The recognised national governing body has been working in collaboration with industry partners to produce the detailed document. It has been developed in consultation with Sport England and Public Health England for all areas of aquatic activity, including pool operations, learn to swim plus community and club swimming.

There is also specific information for all the aquatic disciplines – swimming, diving, artistic swimming and water polo.

Jane Nickerson, Swim England Chief Executive, said: “Government guidance clearly states that pools in England cannot reopen before 4 July and it is still unknown whether that will be the date that this happens – that is a decision for the Government. However, we want to be in a position where the aquatic sector has clear, effective and high quality guidance to support its preparation for reopening.”

The work is being led by the Swim England team, who are consulting with key stakeholders such as leisure operators and home country partners, to ensure the guidance is practical and applicable.

Grateful for the support

A Review Group is also in place, with specialists from within Swim England and a range of partner organisations to ensure that the information is as robust as possible.

The final draft will be made available to sector organisations for comment before it is finalised.

Also in the documentation are details around pool programming, observing social distancing, pool water treatment, air handling and circulation, risk assessment tools around social distancing and the customer journey.

Jane added: “I am grateful for the support that we are receiving from so many of our partners in the development of this guidance. We know it will evolve over time based on the emerging scientific and government information but we want to make sure that we have the best possible starting point, taking into account our own specific conditions and challenges.”

The guidance information will be released by midday on Monday 15 June and will be in a format which can be updated as more scientific knowledge and data is obtained.

In the meantime, the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) FAQs page](#) continues to be updated regularly.

