

Aquatic Services during COVID

June 2020

Facility	Response
ORG A	<p>We have started just a couple patients back in aquatic therapy. Our pool is in the hospital for child and parent are screened (symptoms and temp) as they enter the hospital.</p> <p>In the pool, we allow one patient (parent usually on deck) and one therapist. The therapist and parent are expected to mask. The patient, especially if a younger child who may get her face wet, is not masking. We continue to clean all equipment used in the pool.</p>
ORG B	<p>We've not either. We don't have our state's permission yet.</p> <p>We have routine maintenance/cleaning schedule that we hold during non-COVID time; not sure how this will adjust when we finally get to re-open.</p>
ORG C	<p>We are continuing to keep our pool/aquatics program closed. We will send to our clinical steering committee for guidance when we begin discussions on re opening the program.</p>
ORG D	<p>We resumed Aquatic therapy in June for priority patients only – only 3 patients. Will be reassessing July soon.</p> <p>Therapist is wearing mask and (goggles as they feel necessary), but patient is not wearing a mask for safety in water.</p> <p>Prescreening precautions are implemented as in all areas of the hospital.</p>
ORG D	<p>We are not doing anything specific for patients or staff receiving aquatic therapy. Everyone is screened and masked on entry but patient and staff</p>

	are not masked when in the pool. Parents remain masked on deck.
ORG E	ORG E has not resumed aquatic PT and I was actually planning to post a questions to the directors forum today but you beat me to it! Our infection control department is trying to be thoughtful in their response to our request to resume aquatic services but is looking for information on the approach other organizations have chosen to take with regard to pediatric aquatic therapy services.
ORG F	We haven't resumed yet and my understanding is that it's not on the table until phase 3 recovery. Even then, we have a lot questions for infection prevention
ORG G	<p>We haven't resumed aquatics, but would really like to and are starting to ask the same questions, so I look forward to hearing what you hear back from everyone!</p> <p>The concern from our infection control folks was that employee masks were getting wet in the pool, and then weren't deemed to be effective when wet ... so while we're doing universal masking, they recommended that we scale way back (we still had the option of consulting them on a case by case basis if there was a patient for whom there wasn't an alternative way to address goals, but the program has been effectively paused, to-date).</p>
ORG H	<p>Here is a response from Developmental OT/PT: We have not identified how to protect our staff and have them wear PPE (currently requiring procedure masks and goggles or face shields) to provide therapies in the pool. Face shields are not sufficient to provide protection for our staff especially as close of proximity we would be with our aquatic therapy patients. We are exploring other options however we</p>

	are not feeling rushed as our pools are not yet open.
ORG I	We have not resumed aquatic therapy.
ORG J	We have not started yet,
ORG K	We have only resumed with a few aquatic patients where the therapist felt she could maintain a dry mask and safely assist without being directly in the patient's face. Goggles are a great idea. We are not masking patients for the pool, but are screening and temp checking.
ORG L	We have not yet resumed but are looking to do so. I have heard from another facility that they are using the blue grade hospital masks (1 per patient) and goggles and also cleaning toys, changing rooms between sessions. They have also asked patients to come and go in their swim suits.