

Aquatic Therapy Covid Procedures Jan 2021

<p>ORG A</p>	<p>We have been back with aquatics for a while now. Initially, we started with having a criteria of kids who were developmentally and cognitively safe to be in the water without water splashing for the therapist to be in the pool, but at a distance (we were in high mask conservation at the time). The therapist wore mask and face shield for session.</p> <p>We have now moved to include almost all kids and the therapists continue with mask and face shield.</p> <p>We continued our pool chemistry and maintenance and thorough symptom checking throughout.</p> <p>Only one caregiver allowed to accompany and must be masked in area (with the heat in the room, this has required some feedback to parents).</p> <p>We wipe equipment and surfaces as per usual</p>
<p>ORG B</p>	<p>We have re-started aquatics here at the ORG B. We have new capacity limitations in our pool to promote social distancing, don't comingle inpatients and outpatients, and have staff wear a plastic face shield over their mask and replace the mask if wet. There is a full document that we'd be happy to share here as well.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
<p>ORG C</p>	<p>We are only seeing patients where the therapist can effectively maintain a dry mask and still provide therapeutic benefit. For example, kids who need a lot of handling or splash a lot are not being seen for aquatic at this time. It is case by case.</p>
<p>ORG D</p>	<p>We started back in September but have reduced staff and days currently. I am attaching the guidelines for COVID safety while at the</p>

	<p>pool. Also, we are using a mask that is water repellent and light weight so allows therapist to breathe while in the water. The mask is from TYR which is a lifeguard supply company. We had the mask evaluated by the hospital products committee and risk management and supply chain to assure it met hospital standards for masks. Let me know if you have any questions as am glad to share.</p>
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