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## UPDATE:

### New York Recognizes Pool Openings as Necessary Service

After hearing from multiple sources that pool openings would be considered essential by New York State, we received the following communication this evening from Empire State Development:

***Businesses that provide “essential services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other businesses” including general maintenance are deemed essential. While this does not explicitly mention service related to the opening and maintaining swimming pools, it would include any service to ensure the safety, sanitation and general operations of the residence or building.***

The information we provided to the ESD perfectly aligns with the definition laid out above. Members can click the links below to access copies of the information we provided the state that communicates the industry consensus that **pool openings are part of necessary service for safety and sanitation of the residence**. It is recommended that you keep a copy of this email and the provided documents in your vehicles to demonstrate why your work is considered essential.

**Learn more in the video message below  
from NESPA Executive Director, Dominick Mondì.**



## RESOURCES FOR NESPA MEMBERS

- [Why Pool Openings Are Essential](#)
- [COVID-19 and Your Pool & Hot Tub: What You Need to Know](#)
- [Letter to Empire State Development Corporation](#)

To access these valuable resources, click the links above, log into the website, select the "Info From Government" folder and open NY

### New York Resources

*This information is being provided to you as a member of the Northeast Spa and Pool association and is intended for your use to make decisions about your individual business during the restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19*

*outbreak. If you have concerns about your specific business operation you should consult your attorney. This is not intended as nor should be construed to be legal advice.*

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