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Stay Safe.

With reopening plans moving forward, we have received more questions raised about **commercial aquatic facilities**. Throughout the region, health departments have recognized that the start-up, proper maintenance, and operation of equipment are essential to public health even as the facilities remain closed for public use. *See recent announcements [below](#) from New York State including Suffolk and Nassau Counties.*

NESPA has been working with government officials on plans for opening commercial pools for public use and what steps can be taken now to position these facilities for an eventual opening. Consideration is being given to how to best incorporate social distancing and other safety guidelines in a public pool environment.

Be sure to review these new tools for members who work with commercial clients.

- [PHTA: Practical Tips for Maintaining and Opening Public Pools & Hot Tubs.](#)
- [CDC: Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19](#)

It is important to start having conversations now about how a reopening could play out and how you can support your customers.

Work Smart.

Stay up-to-speed on the latest news around our region.

Connecticut

Last week Governor Lamont detailed the criteria Connecticut will use to reopen businesses starting May 20th. The reopening plan consists of four phases. Each phase will ease restrictions or open

businesses based on how social distancing and the other health risk assessments can be managed. **Pool Service and Construction continue to be an essential service in the State** and are able to operate while following safety guidelines. [Connecticut Resource page](#)

New Jersey

While non-essential construction has been stopped since April 11th, companies that submitted permit applications prior to that date should contact their local permit building officials to determine if those projects have been issued permits and can begin work. NESPA continues to **advocate for the reopening of pool construction in New Jersey** with state officials. [New Jersey Resource page](#).

New York

Empire State Development has recently stated the **opening and maintaining of commercial pools in New York is an essential service**. This statement was also echoed by the **Suffolk and Nassau County** Departments of Health. The DOH sent notice to bathing facility owners/operators that "all public swimming pools must be maintained and operated" even as public swimming is prohibited. View letters from the State and County Officials on the [New York Resource page](#).

Pennsylvania

Governor Wolf has shared the state's phased approach to reopening which can be viewed [here](#). As part of this plan, the Governor has taken a county by county approach to reopening in the State. Earlier this month (5/1), **pool industry construction reopened**. Companies working in construction must comply with new safety guidelines. These new requirements can be found on the [Pennsylvania Resource page](#).

Stay Connected.

Building a Culture of Education in Your Pool Company has become even more critical during the COVID-19 crisis. Employees need to be open to learning new procedures to keep both themselves and your customers safe.

Our latest webinar brought together leaders in the industry to discuss how they have built a culture of training and education within their businesses, and how others can do the same.







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Share with Your Whole Team!

Featuring Dave Peterson & Bill Drakeley from Watershape University and Dave Penton & Rick Chafey from Ask the Masters, this interactive discussion will give you tools you can use to strengthen the culture in your company.

Don't forget to check out our [Webinar Library](#)! All webinars are available for on-demand viewing at any time for NESPA Members.

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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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