

New England Swimming: Pool Incident Protocols

	Massachusetts	New Hampshire
Vomit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and TEMPORARILY close pool 2. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vaccum 3. Raise free chlorine concentration to 2 ppm (mg/L) and pH 7.2-7.5 4. Maintain free chlorine concentration at 2 ppm and pH 7.2-7.5 for at least 25 minutes 5. Confirm filtration system operating during entire period 6. Reopen pool after at least 25 minutes <p>See MA protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and TEMPORARILY close pool. 2. Shut down filtration system 3. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vaccum. 4. Restart filtration system 5. "Spot treat" contamination area with 10-12 oz. of 12%-15% liquid chlorine or with 2 oz. granular chlorine 6. Raise free chlorine level to 3 ppm (mg/L) and pH 7.2-7.5 for at least 1 hour 7. Balance water and reopen pool after 1 hour <p>See NH protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>
Blood	No recommended procedure or closure required	No policy for closure.
Liquid Stool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and CLOSE pool. 2. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vacuum. 3. Raise free chlorine concentration to 20 ppm (mg/L) and pH 7.2-7.5 for 8 hours 4. Maintain free chlorine and pH at level for at least 8 hours. 5. Confirm filtration system operating during entire period 7. Backwash and discharge backwash to waste and not to filter 8. Reopen pool after 8 hours AND when free chlorine level at normal range of 1.0-3.0 ppm <p>See MA protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and CLOSE pool. 2. Shut down filtration system 3. Remove all matter with net or scoop. Do not vaccum. 4. Raise free chlorine level to 20 ppm (mg/L) & pH 7.2-7.5 AND maintain for at least 13 hours OR bring to 10 ppm (mg/L) and maintain for at least 26 hours 5. Confirm filtration system operating during entire period 6. Backwash and discharge backwash to waste and not to filter 7. Reopen pool only after free chlorine and pH levels at normal range <p>See NH protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>
Formed Stool (solid, non-liquid)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and TEMPORARILY close pool. 2. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vacuum. 3. Raise free chlorine concentration to 2 ppm (mg/L) and pH 7.2-7.5 4. Maintain free chlorine concentration at 2 ppm and pH 7.2-7.5 for at least 25 minutes 5. Confirm filtration system operating during entire period 6. Reopen pool after at least 25 minutes <p>See MA protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and TEMPORARILY close pool. 2. Shut down filtration system 3. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vaccum. 4. Restart filtration system 5. "Spot treat" contamination area with 10-12 oz. of 12%-15% liquid chlorine or with 2 oz. granular chlorine 6. Raise free chlorine level to 3 ppm (mg/L) and pH 7.2-7.5 for at least 1 hour 7. Balance water and reopen pool after 1 hour <p>See NH protocol sheet for more specific instructions</p>

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STATE/AUTHORITY

	Rhode Island	Vermont	CDC
INCIDENT			
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Liquid Stool	CDC Standards	No written policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear and CLOSE pool. 3. Remove as much material as possible with net or scoop. Do not vaccum. 3. Raise free chlorine level to 20 ppm (mg/L) and maintain pH 7.5 or less 4. Ensure pH 7.5 or less and temperature of 77⁰ or higher 5. Maintain free chlorine and pH at level for at least 12.75 hours 6. Confirm filtration system operating during entire period 7. Backwash and discharge backwash to waste and not to filter 8. Reopen pool only after free chlorine and pH levels at normal range CDC recommends to check with state and local regulatory authorities
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