

Hygiene concept for indoor swimming pools (as of 16 September 2020 - based on 11th RLP Corona Ordinance)

The following hygiene measures must be observed for all indoor pools:

1. The following measures ensure the applicable physical distance and contact restrictions:

a. Access to the indoor pool must be regulated in such a way that no more guests enter the indoor pool than the number of places and facilities that can be used while observing the rules on distancing. The limitation of persons (1 person per 5 sqm) must be observed if there are more than 10 persons within the facility.

b. Inside the building, supervisory staff shall inform visitors of the physical distance regulations to be observed in accordance with the applicable Corona Control Regulation. Measures must be taken to control access and maintain the required physical distance, including appropriately signposted path concepts. As far as possible, one-way arrangements are to be made. Waiting areas (e.g. in front of sales stands and toilet facilities) are also to be provided with markings to maintain the required physical distance.

2. Organization of the indoor swimming pool:

a. Contact data of all persons (Name, first name, address, telephone number) as well as the duration of the visit are to be documented after obtaining consent to enable contact person tracking and are to be kept by the operator for a period of 1 month starting on the day of the visit ; after this retention period all data must be destroyed. Processing of the data for other purposes is not permitted.

b. The use of sanitary facilities and changing rooms is permitted under observance of the necessary protective measures. Collective changing rooms are exclusively for use by individuals or family members of a household.

c. Catering may be provided in accordance with the hygiene regulations for catering trade.

d. Sports swimming pools are to be equipped with lane markings ("lines"). A concept for orderly swimming operations must be established.

When using pools for infants and non-swimmers, special attention must be paid to the physical distance requirement.

3. Individual personal measures:

a. Persons with recognizable symptoms of a respiratory tract infection must be denied access.

b. All persons must disinfect or wash their hands when entering the establishment. Suitable washing facilities or disinfectant dispensers must be provided by the operator.

c. Visitors must be informed of the applicable protective measures and rules of conduct (including general rules of infection protection such as "sneezing etiquette", classification of cold symptoms, etc.) by means of suitable signs.

d. Visitors and employees shall wear a mouth-nose cover, in accordance with the Corona Control Regulation in the up-to-date version.

e. Ticket office staff may be protected by a separating plate. Staff who are protected by a separating disc or other suitable protective measures are exempt from the obligation to wear a mouth-nose cover.

- f. In swimming pools, a distance of at least 1.5 m from other persons must be maintained.
- g. The rental of swimming items (swimming noodles, diving rings, etc.) is not permitted if they cannot be disinfected after use.

4. Measures related to the facility:

- a. Hand disinfectants, liquid soap and disposable towels must be provided in sanitary rooms, common rooms, and break rooms.
- b. Specific measures shall be taken to minimize the exposure of rooms to aerosols. All rooms accessible to visitors must be sufficiently ventilated.

5. General Principles:

- a. A duty roster shall ensure that a person responsible for operations is present on site during opening hours.
- b. Persons who are not prepared to comply with these rules are to be denied access or stay within the scope of the domiciliary right.
- c. In addition, the responsible authority may, in justified individual cases and on application, allow exceptions or issue other hygiene requirements, provided that a specification according to CoBeLVO is not mandatory, the level of protection appears comparable, and the purpose of CoBeLVO is observed.