

# Pools, Bathing Beaches, Spa and Therapy Pools

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## About This Policy

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## Related Information

- \* [Indiana University Environmental Health and Safety –Recreational Water](#)
- \* [Indiana State Department of Health – Public Swimming and Spa Program](#)
- \* [Indiana State Department of Health – Youth Camps](#)
- \* [Indiana Department of Homeland Security – Swimming Pool Plan Review](#)
- \* [Center for Disease Control – Healthy Swimming](#)
- \* [Indiana State Department of Health – Laboratories](#)

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This policy applies to all water venues utilized by people such as: bathing beaches, swimming, spa, and therapy pools that are owned and/or operated by Indiana University.

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The policy of Indiana University is to provide safe and sanitary bathing beaches, swimming, spa, and therapy pool environments and to minimize the risks associated with water venues. The primary method by which that is accomplished is through compliance with applicable regulations, including: Indiana State Department of Health's *Title 410 IAC 6-2.1, Title 410 IAC 6-7.2*, and Indiana's Department of Homeland Security, Division of Fire Prevention and Building Safety, *Title 675 IAC 20*.

Water venues operated by Indiana University Bloomington and Bradford Woods are regulated and inspected by University Environmental Health and Safety-Bloomington. Water venues in Indianapolis are permitted, regulated, and inspected by the Marion County Public Health Department in Indianapolis, IN.

The bathing beach at Camp Brosius on Elkhart Lake in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin is subject to Wisconsin statute, Chapter DHS 254.46 Subchapter IV: Recreational Sanitation.

Some athletic therapy facilities are used as a drain and fill (single use) facility and are therefore not regulated by state rules.

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## Reason For Policy

The reason for the policy is to minimize the risks associated with water venues including: water-borne illnesses, communicable diseases, chemical injuries and accidents, and other injuries.

Authority for IUB facilities is derived from the administration of the Partnership Agreement between the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and Indiana University Environmental Health and Safety (UEHS), as established and renewed every two calendar years.

Authority for IUPUI facilities is delegated by the Indiana State Department of Health to the local county health department – Marion County Public Health Department in Indianapolis, IN.

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## Procedure

Additional information and detailed procedures regarding this policy should be reviewed in the [Water Venues Program information located on the Protect.IU website](#).

### **Responsibilities for the procedures are as follows:**

University Environmental Health and Safety (IUEHS) is responsible for liaising with other applicable related groups and regulatory authorities.

### **In addition, for all venues outside of Marion County:**

- Conducting pre-operational, routine, and follow up inspections;
- Complaint response;
- Water chemistry sampling and tests for investigatory or auditing purposes;
- Air quality sampling and tests for investigatory or auditing purposes;
- Water clarity tests at bathing beaches for investigatory or auditing purposes;
- Monitoring bacteriological water quality reports;
- Providing technical support and consultation for IU staff that operate and maintain water venues, and the engineering staff, that design, renovate, or repair water venues;
- Providing standardized forms for recordkeeping by water venue operators;
- Research new aquatic trends, rules, regulations and standards;
- Inform/train staff of new information; and
- Emergency response and consultation.

Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD) is responsible for:

Licensing, inspecting, and regulating recreational water venues on the IUPUI campus.

Water Venue Operators are responsible for:

- Daily water chemistry tests,
- Weekly bacteriological water sampling,
- Daily operation records,
- Monitoring and maintaining bathing beach operations, and
- Daily operation and maintenance of physical facilities of the water venue.

Water Venue Managers are responsible for:

- Supervising lifeguards and water venue employees,
- Reporting facility problems,
- Reporting injuries and illness,
- Emergency/disaster response and preparedness, and
- Ensuring venue users follow user sanitation rules and policies.

Lifeguards are responsible for:

- Lifesaving,
- Lifesaving equipment,
- Watching over bathers,
- First aid,
- Personal floatation devices,
- Training,
- Maintaining certifications, and
- Monitoring bather load to prevent overcrowding.

University Architects Office is responsible for:

- Plan review of proposed pool construction and renovation projects as detailed in Section 3.7 of the **Water Venues Program**,
- Consultation with the appropriate internal and external resources during plan development to ensure that pool construction and renovation projects are code compliant, and
- Supervising contractor's work.

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## Definitions

Program definitions may be found in the applicable state and federal rules and regulations.

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## Sanctions

Facilities that are in substantial non-compliance with the requirements of the State of Indiana may be closed at the discretion of regulating authority or IUEHS.

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317-233-1325 or 800-669-7362 (Emergency)

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## History

This policy was established in March 2016.