

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Dear Public Pool Owner and/or Public Pool Operator:

Rule 64E-9.004, of the Florida Administrative Code, has been revised effective June 11, 2023, by the Florida Department of Health (Department).

The Department revised provisions related to disinfectant levels permitted and test kits approved for use, however the test kits revision is now suspended until rule-making is accomplished.

You are receiving this notification as a courtesy; the revisions may affect current operations of your pool(s) and/or spa(s).

Summary of the disinfectant revisions:

- a. The maximum free Chlorine residual is now 5 ppm (mg/L) for spa-type pools.
- b. The maximum available Bromine residual is now 6 ppm (mg/L) for all pools and spas.
- c. There were no changes for the minimum level of disinfectants that are allowed by the rule.
- d. There were no changes for the maximum level of Chlorine in most pools (except spa-type pools).

If your pool or spa testing results in higher levels than the above listed residuals, you must close the pool(s) or spa(s) immediately to patrons until the residual meets the rule level standards.

Rule 64E-9.004(1)(d)2.: Disinfection – Free chlorine residual shall be as follows: 1 milligram per liter (mg/L) to a maximum of 10.0 mg/L, inclusive, in conventional swimming pools; 2 mg/L to 10.0 mg/L, inclusive, in all other type pools such as swim-up bars, wading pools, special purpose pools, water recreation attraction pools, and interactive water fountains; and 2 mg/L to 5 mg/L, inclusive, in spa-type pools; or available bromine residual shall be 1.5 mg/L to 6 mg/L, inclusive, in conventional swimming pools and 3 mg/L to 6 mg/L, inclusive, in all other type pools. Except that, for indoor conventional swimming pools, the maximum disinfectant residuals shall be 5 mg/L free chlorine and 6 mg/L free bromine.

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