



REC-POL-013	Public Pools and Water Attractions
Revision: 1.0	Drinking Water at Public Pools and Water Attractions
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### 1.0 Purpose

In 2020, the Division of Food and Recreational Safety (DFRS) responded to the need to reduce exposure to high-contact surfaces, based on guidance from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for reducing the transmission of the virus causing COVID-19. At that time, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) had recommended that drinking fountains not be used and that an alternate supply of drinking water be offered free of charge.

Many pool and water attraction operators turned off the water supply to their drinking fountains without providing free, safe, alternative drinking water supplies for their patrons.

As a safe, free, drinking water supply is required by Wis. Administrative Code 76, a temporary policy is needed so that drinking water will continue to be provided at public pools and water attractions.

The purpose of this document is to describe the requirements related to the provision of drinking water at public pools and water attractions until a permanent rule can be created.

### 2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all state and agent staff inspecting public pools and water attractions.

### 3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 'Drinking Water' means that the water meets the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § NR 809, Safe Drinking Water and for bottled water, Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 70, Food Processing Plants.

### 4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 Inspection staff will evaluate drinking water supply as well as the operator's alternative supply of safe drinking water (if applicable) at public pools and water attractions and require safe drinking water to be provided.

**5.0 Procedure**

5.1 State and agent staff inspecting public pools and water attractions during the COVID-19 pandemic shall consider any one of the following situations as in compliance for drinking water availability.

- 5.1.1 The drinking fountain is functional and the operator, responsible supervisor, or an appointee can describe enhanced sanitation that is consistent with [CDC’s Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces.](#)
- 5.1.2 The drinking fountain has been disabled and there is individually-bottled drinking water provided free of charge at all times when the pool is open.
- 5.1.3 The drinking water is being provided from a bottle filler, a guest uses their own bottle, and single-use disposable cups are being provided for those without bottles.

5.2 State and agent staff who find that a pool or water attraction has not met criteria described in 5.1 shall note a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 76.33(1)(g) and mark the item as OUT under #29 in HealthSpace.

**6.0 References**

- 6.1 Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 76.33(1)(g)
- 6.2 Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 390.19(1)(a)
- 6.3 Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 70.23

**7.0 Document History**

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