

**Mercer County Health District**  
**Swimming Pool, Spa, and Special Use Pool Closure Policy**  
**Adopted: August 2008**

**Legal Authority: Ohio Revised Code 3749.01 to 3749.99**  
**Ohio Administrative Code 3701-31(01-08)**

**The Health Commissioner and/or a Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian of the Mercer County Health District will ask for immediate voluntary closure, and/or will consult with prosecutor regarding immediate action including but not limited to injunction and/or ordering immediate involuntary closure of a public swimming pool, spa, or special use pool if one or more of the following situations is noted :**

1. The facility does not possess a valid license to operate. Licenses for existing facilities must be renewed on or before the last day of May for each year. Licenses are not transferrable. Should the facility change ownership, the new owner must make application for a new license before the sale or transfer.
2. There is zero chlorine or bromine in the pool, spa or special use pool.
3. The vacuum limit switch for a spa, wading pool, or special use pool is not operating properly.
4. The pool, spa, or special use pool bottom is not visible, due to inadequate lighting during night swimming, or lack of water clarity.
5. Feces, blood, or vomit is found in the pool. See the "Fecal Accident" policy for guidance on action to be taken in this event.
6. There is an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty when pool is occupied, when lifeguards are required by rule.
7. The main drain cover, or any other suction outlet cover is not properly in place and securely fastened.
8. Any other condition in or around the pool, spa or special use pool which presents an immediate threat to health and safety (electrical, chemical, physical).

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