

Model Aquatic Health Code: Improved Safety for Pueblo County Swimmers

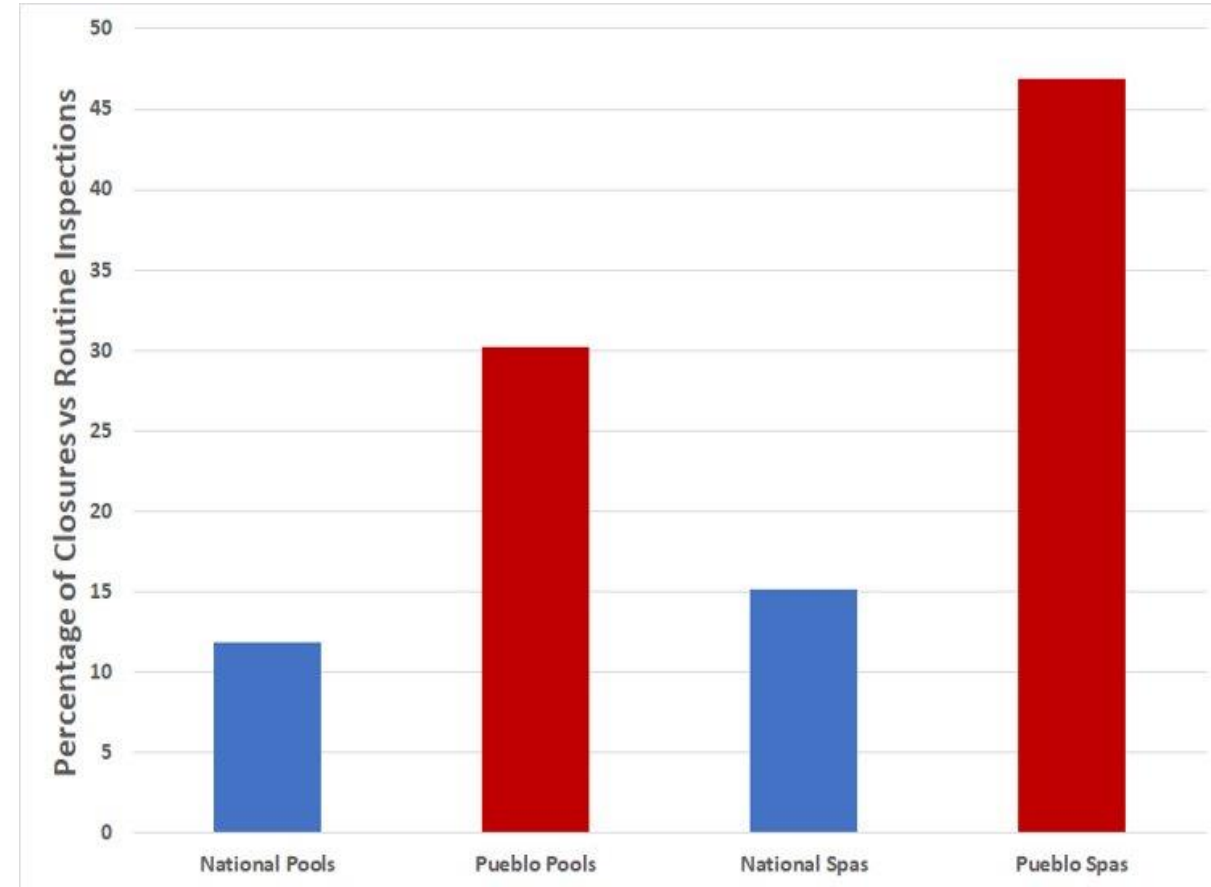
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Current Regulations

- Last updated in 1994
- Closure rates
 - Nationally, 1 in 8 pools and 1 in 7 spas
 - Locally, 1 in 3 pools and 1 in 2 spas



CDPHE Update

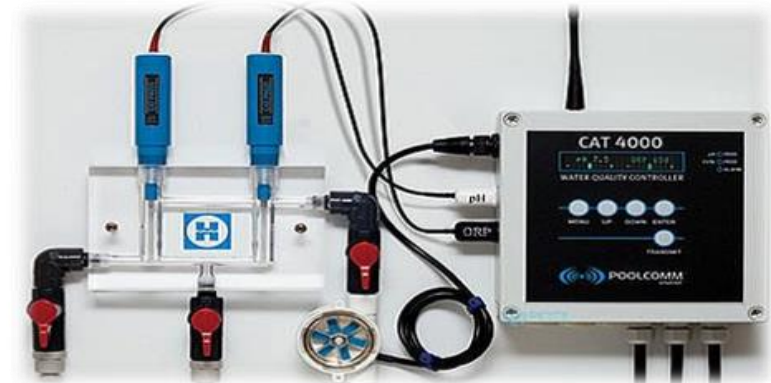
- Colorado Board of Health rulemaking hearing October 22, 2020
- Unanimously voted to adopt MAHC by reference, effective December 15, 2020
- Link to [Colorado Swimming Pools and Mineral Baths Regulations](#)
- Next step, adopt applicable portions of MAHC locally

PDPHE Update

- Stakeholder meetings on February 19, 2020 and November 5, 2020
- CDC Grant awarded in Summer of 2020
 - Funds available September 2020
 - Major component supports MAHC adoption
- Continued education with stakeholder meetings and quarterly newsletters

Major Facility Changes: Upon Adoption

- Chemical and pH adjustment feeders in all aquatic facilities
- Newly constructed therapy, wading pools, or interactive water play venues need secondary disinfectant system
- Diaper changing station required with portable hand wash station
- Existing automatic controllers shall be interlocked
- Certificate of Operation



Major Facility Changes: Within One Year

- Interlock controls and no or low flow deactivation
- All facilities must have automated controllers
- Diaper changing station adjacent hand sink installed and operational
- Compliance agreements available



Next Steps at Local Level

- Gain support and feedback from PDPHE and BOH
- Present information to City Council and Board of County Commissioners
- Create new regulation language and open a public comment period in 2021
- Collect baseline MAHC data during inspections
- Adoption Goal: January 1, 2022 at the latest



Thank you!



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