



Maryland Department of Health

Procedure for Vomit and Blood Cleanup at a Public, Semi-Public, or Limited Public-Use Pool and a Public Spa

Vomit Cleanup

1. All bathers must exit the water.
2. Post a sign noting that the pool or spa is temporarily closed.
3. Scoop and remove as much vomit as possible from the water and dispose of in a sanitary sewer, toilet, or other approved waste disposal system. Do not collect the vomit waste in the filters. Disinfect the scoop in bleach and water.
4. Clean up as much remaining vomit as possible using the vacuum system, but only if you can vacuum directly to a sanitary sewer waste line or other approved waste disposal system. Do not collect the vomit waste in the filters. The vacuum equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after use.
5. Add disinfectant to the area where the vomit accident occurred. Disinfect approximately a 100 square foot or larger area.
6. Check the chlorine level at the vomit accident area until you reach at least 10 parts per million free chlorine.
7. Document the pool closure and the chlorine readings in the daily operating records.
8. Reopen the pool.

Blood Cleanup

-Follow procedures 1-9, except for 3 & 4 above for blood in the water. There is no need to try to remove the blood in the water.

-For blood on the deck or pool equipment you must follow bloodborne pathogen cleanup procedures as required by MD Occupational Safety and Health Administration using bloodborne pathogen cleanup materials and personal safety gear such as plastic gloves and eye goggles.