

## What are RWIs?

Recreational Water Illnesses, or RWIs, are spread by swallowing or having contact with bodies of water contaminated with fecal matter. The most commonly reported RWI associated with swimming pools is diarrhea. While chlorine kills most germs that cause RWIs within minutes, some germs take longer to kill. **That is why we need your help to prevent the spread of such germs.**

If you believe you may be infected with an RWI seek help from a medical professional. Notify Splash Management immediately if you are found to have an RWI.

*Children, pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems are at greater risk for infection.*



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## What does Splash do to prevent RWIs at our pools?

Swimming pools managed by Splash Pool Services, Inc. are kept at water quality standards equal to or above those required for



commercial swimming pools by the State of Colorado Health Department. This ensures that chlorine levels are sufficiently maintained to kill

bacteria, viruses and other pathogens.

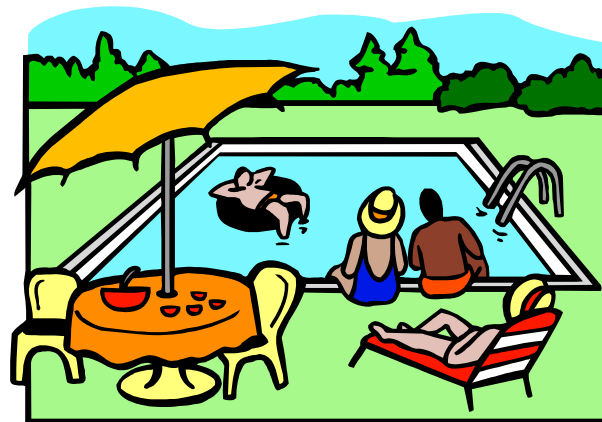
Because fecal accidents can and do occur, Splash requires a minimum of one hour closure of swimming pools along with contaminant removal and additional chlorination following accidents. For more widespread accidents pools will be closed for 24 hours.

Healthy swimming behaviors are needed to protect your community from the spread of RWIs. Please see "What can you do to help prevent RWIs?" for more information.

## What can you do to help prevent RWIs?

Everyone can take simple steps to help reduce the spread of RWIs.

- Please do not swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for children in diapers. Infections associated with diarrhea can spread from even trace amounts of fecal matter on your body.
- Remember to shower before using the pool and thoroughly wash your hands after using the restroom or changing diapers. Germs on your body end up in the pool.
- Please be sure that children are taking frequent bathroom breaks while at the pool and diapers are changed often. Always use changing tables to change diapers, not the pool deck or other tables.
- Avoid swallowing pool water and/or having pool water in your mouth.
- Please use specially formulated "swimming diapers" with non-toilet trained swimmers as they help to reduce the risk of leaks. *This is required at all pools managed by Splash Pool Services, Inc.*



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