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## **Protocol for Unsatisfactory Pool/ Hot Tub/ Spa Samples**

### **Pools:**

8:26- 8.6. Whenever a swimming pool or wading pool exceeds the microbiological water quality standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:26-7.5, the certified laboratory and the pool owner or operator shall notify NWBRHC by telephone, fax or email within one hour of the unsatisfactory microbiological sample result being obtained. The owner or operator shall resample the water after remediation and within 24 hours of the notification.

If the resample exceeds the microbiological water quality standards, the pool shall be immediately closed. The laboratory and the owner /operator shall immediately notify the health authority by telephone, fax or email of the unsatisfactory sample and that the pool is closed. The pool shall not be reopened until a satisfactory microbiological water sample is obtained.

The swimming pool or wading pool shall close immediately if the disinfection residual is not within the range set forth at NJAC 8:26-7.8 or the chemical or physical water quality is not in conformance with NJAC 8:26-7.8 and 7.9.

### **Spa/ Hot Tub:**

8:26-8.7 Whenever a hot or spa water sample exceeds the microbiological water quality standards set forth at NJAC 8:26-7.11, the certified lab and the hot tub/spa owner or operator shall not notify NWBRHC by telephone, fax or email within one hour.

1. The hot tub or spa shall be immediately closed, drained, disinfected, refilled and resampled. After these actions have been taken, and while the laboratory samples are pending, it will be at the discretion of the health department as to whether the spa or hot tub may reopen.
2. If the resample exceeds the microbiological water quality standards the owner operator will notify the health department within one hour. The hot tub or spa shall again be drained, disinfected, refilled and resampled. The hot tub or spa shall not be reopened until the sample meets the standards of NJAC 8:26-7.11 and the health authority gives its approval.

The hot tub or spa shall close immediately if the disinfectant residual or pH is not within the ranges set forth at NJAC 8.26-7.12.

\*All copies of laboratory analysis must be transmitted to NWBRHC within one business day of completion of the analysis.

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**FAILURE TO NOTIFY NWBRHC MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN.**