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To all Pool Permit applicants:

Indiana State Dept. of Health requires all swimming pools be monitored weekly for water quality by either a State, County, or local health department to ensure safe and healthy conditions for the persons utilizing the pool facilities.

In Addition, Lake County requires a "Swimming Pool Permit" be obtained to operate a swimming pool in the county. Obtaining a permit requires a "Swimming Pool Permit Application" be submitted with an annual fee. This form and fees must be submitted by a designated deadline to obtain the Permit before a pool can open for the year. If the Permit applications and fees are not submitted by the deadline, a late fee will be assessed to obtain the Permit, and the pool will remain closed until the Permit is issued.

This year's annual fee schedule is as follows: All non tax supported pool operations that are open year-round will be required to pay a permit fee of **\$2180.00** for each swimming pool. A **\$1000.00** late fee will be assessed if paid after March 1, 2022. All non tax supported pool operations open for the summer season only will require a permit fee of **\$670.00** for each swimming pool. (wading pools and other water structures are considered pools under State and County permit ordinances and laws) A Late fee of **\$670.00** will be assessed if paid after May 1, 2022. All tax supported institutions are exempt from the payment of permit fees.

Lake County Health Department has a Pool and Beach Monitoring department which will administer and enforce the State of Indiana's swimming pool rules and regulations. Personnel of the Lake County Health Department must visit each pool site weekly to record water chemistry readings, gather and deliver water samples for bacterial tests to a state certified laboratory, inspect daily operating records, and respond to the results of these tests by taking the necessary actions needed to keep the pools and beaches safe. These actions may require the closing of the facilities if the standards set forth by the State of Indiana Swimming Pool Rule 410 IAC 6-2.1 are not met.

The facilities where the pools are located are obligated to comply by these State and County ordinances. Access to the pools must be made to Health Department personnel so they may perform their duties in collection of the data and samples. If a Health Department employee is unable to take a sample due to problems or difficulties of pool access, it is treated as a Violation of Indiana State ordinance and may lead to facility closure. Please ensure that if doors or gates are locked, that the Health Department; has the key to the facility; has the gate code; or someone to provide access to the pool, spa, etc.

When submitting the "Swimming Pool Permit Application", make sure all information is recorded. Otherwise, your permit may be significantly delayed until all of the information is obtained.

Our Pool Monitor personnel begin their inspections at approximately 9:00 am. If your pool is not open until later, make sure the Health Department knows the time it can take a sample. This information can be critical in avoiding unnecessary VIOLATIONS due to non-access.

Sincerely,

Director-
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