



Good afternoon,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Florida Swimming Pool Association and the swimming pool and spa industry in the state of Florida to provide information on importance of swimming pool spa maintenance, service, and supply during our State's response to COVID-19.

There are over 1,000,000 private swimming pools and approximate 30,000 commercial swimming pools and spas in the State of Florida that will need to be maintained as we address COVID-19. During a self-quarantine or shelter in place order it is likely that residents will continue to use their swimming pools and spas and it is essential to public health that those pools and spas remain in clean working order. If swimming pools and spas are not actively maintained through an emergency order or self-quarantine there is the potential for the spread of waterborne illnesses as well as extensive costs to consumers to rehab their pools after an emergency order or self-quarantine is lifted. As such the swimming pool and spa industry an essential industry that must continue to operate to ensure public health.

Furthermore, swimming pool and spa professionals work in low density and are working with chlorinated water making the chances of transmission of COVID-19 extremely low. FSPA has advised all of our member companies to be extra diligent and follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines as they ensure the cleanliness of their customer's pools and spas.

We ask that should your county issue any shelter in place or quarantine emergency orders that Swimming Pool Contractors, Swimming Pool Maintenance Professionals, and swimming pool and spa supply companies be designated as essential businesses.

Both Miami-Dade and Broward Counties have issued shelter in place Emergency Orders and have designated swimming pool and spa professionals an essential businesses. You can find copies of these orders at the links below and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at dallas@FloridaPoolPro.com or at 941-952-9293.

[Miami Dade Emergency Order 07-20](#)

[Broward County Emergency Order 20-01](#)

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