

Faecal Incident Solid Stool in Pool Response Plan

Low to medium risk of disease transmission

1. Establish a faecal incident response kit consisting of scoops, nets, buckets and personal protective equipment. Locate adjacent to children's pool.
2. On occurrence of a solid stool contamination incident immediately close the contaminated pool.
3. Immediately remove faecal material from pool using faecal incident response kit and dispose of faecal material in a toilet.
4. Check that pool chemistry complies with minimum criteria for disinfectant, pH and reserve alkalinity and then re-open pool after 20 minutes.
5. Check filtration (and coagulation) is efficient.
6. Overnight perform superchlorination by dosing to 10mg/L free chlorine and allowing dissipation to criteria levels. Alternatively chlorine dioxide may be used as a shock treatment.
7. Backwash the filter to waste or replace media / cartridge as appropriate at the end of the day.
8. Re-test the pool, and log the incident and remedial action taken. Re-establish faecal incident response kit.

For additional information refer to Chapter 8 of the *Public Swimming Pool & Spa Pool Advisory Document* or contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 for advice.

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