



Prevent the Spread of Crypto in the Swimming Pool

Educating All Swimming Pool Staff

What pool staff should know -

1. Ensure that the pool operator, at a minimum, has taken part in a standardized training course given by aquatics professionals.
2. Include healthy swimming practices & behaviors in staff training:
 - Do not swim with diarrhea (all swimmers)
 - Wait two weeks after diarrhea has stopped to swim (all swimmers)
 - Take a shower with soap & warm water before swimming (all swimmers)
 - Do not swallow pool water (all swimmers)
 - Change diapers in the bathroom – not at the poolside
 - After changing a diaper wash hands and the child's bottom thoroughly
 - Take regular bathroom breaks (all swimmers)
 - Wash hands with soap & water after using the bathroom (all swimmers)
3. Promote good swimmer hygiene and safety around the pool by knowing the healthy swimming practices & behaviors listed above.
4. Inform parents that unhealthy behaviors at poolside and elsewhere are no longer acceptable. In a survey, parents told the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that they wanted to be able to rely on the lifeguards & other pool staff for help and enforcement.
5. Make sure that staff can explain, in a way that is inoffensive and acceptable to parents, why behaviors such as using public tables and chairs for diaper changing is a health risk. This may require that an older, more experienced staff member be assigned to the "kiddie pool." Practice doing this using role-play techniques during staff training meetings.
6. Make sure staff members know the policy and procedures for fecal accident response.
7. Ensure that all staff know the critical role of water testing, proper testing methods, and how to respond if disinfectant levels are not adequate.

