



Summit County Public Health

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Dear Bathing Beach Operators,

Bathing beaches are great places to have fun, be active, or just relax. As the summer season approaches, it is the perfect time to start thinking about health and safety issues at your property.

Waters used for recreational purposes are subject to a variety of environmental influences, which can affect the health and/or safety of individuals using those waters. Inadequate environmental controls can contribute to the spread of communicable diseases and/or cause injuries.

Summit County Public Health's (SCPH) Recreation Programs operate under the Environmental Health Division. This unit inspects resident and day camps, RV parks, public beaches and public swimming pools.

The goals of this program are to reduce the potential for the spread of communicable diseases, lower the risk of injuries and assure that these facilities are maintained in compliance with applicable laws and rules. These goals are achieved through inspections of the beaches as well as through education.

SCPH would like to take this opportunity to provide you with this resource binder as we continue to develop the educational piece of our program. It focuses on the role of beach operators and public health officials in preventing outbreaks of illnesses, drowning, injuries, etc.

This binder includes a number of handouts and items that may be beneficial to you and your employees. Our resources web page - found here: <https://www.scph.org/pools-campgrounds-resident-camps/beaches> - has many informative handouts, brochures, and links.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your inspector directly or any member of the SCPH Recreation Safety Team at 330-926-5600.

We are hopeful that you will maintain this binder in a clean and safe place where it is easily accessible for your reference. We included a plastic sleeve folder in the back of the binder to store copies of your beach license, life guard certifications, etc. As the regulations and recommendations change, your inspector will bring updated documents and information for your binder during their routine inspections.

If you have questions, or, suggestions on the use of the binder please feel free to contact me at (330) 812-3977, or, dmasters@schd.org.

Sincerely,

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