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To: Directors of Health and Chief Sanitarians

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RE: Splash Pad / Spray Park Warning Signage Requirement

With the passage of [Public Act 23-97 \(Section 21\)](#), signage that warns about the potential health risk of ingesting recirculated water within splash pads and spray parks is now required.

Sec. 21. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2023) Not later than January 1, 2024, the owner or operator of each splash pad and spray park where water is recirculated shall post a sign in a conspicuous location at or near the entryway to the splash pad or spray park stating that the water is recirculated and warning that there is a potential health risk to persons ingesting the water.

The signage is required for all splash pads and spray parks where the water is recirculated. Although not required if the water is **not** recirculated at the splash pad or spray park, it may still be prudent to post such warning signage.

During routine inspections of splash pads and spray parks, it is strongly recommended that inspectors educate and inform owners and operators of this new requirement. The requirement became effective on July 1, 2023, and enforcement is to start on January 1, 2024.

Questions regarding this new signage requirement or public pool requirements in general can be sent via e-mail to dph.environmenteng@ct.gov or by phone to Amanda Clark at (860) 209-5867.

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