

# Clark County Parks & Recreation Department

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## UPDATE

Dear Patron,

As you may know, the West Flamingo Pool has been closed since May 7 to ensure the continued health of our swim community. Clark County's Department of Parks and Recreation received verbal notification last week that water samples showed signs of bacteria growth. Following further lab analysis, Clark County was notified today that samples taken last week were identified to have the characteristics of *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Clark County is working diligently with our consultants and health officials to identify and resolve this issue. As a precaution, the West Flamingo Pool will remain closed pending further testing to validate that water chemistry falls within the World Health Organization's standards.

The Southern Nevada Health District advises the public to consult your physician if you have experienced symptoms of a rash that you believe may be related to *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria.

In addition, the Health District recommends the following measures:

- Don't touch any bumps, rashes, cuts, infected areas, or bandages on another person's skin.
- Don't share items, like towels or razors, with other people.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and cover them with bandages.

### If you have a skin infection:

- Don't go in recreational water, it might be difficult to keep skin adequately covered. Other germs from the water can get into your wound(s) and cause additional infections.
- If you do go in the water, cover any bumps, rashes, cuts, or infected areas with water tight bandages.
- Practice good hygiene by regularly washing hands with soap and water.
- Don't let other people touch your bumps, rashes, cuts, infected areas, or bandages.

Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this issue.

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