CDC Announces Guidance on How to Close Commercial Hot Tubs/Spas

On March 24, Center for Disease Control (CDC) provided the following guidance on how to properly shut down hot tubs/spas as part of aquatic facility closures.

The improper closure of hot tubs/spas could create conditions favorable to Legionella and other bacterial growth in these water systems. The recommendations below from the CDC were adapted from the Model Aquatic Health Code.

Closing Hot Tubs/Spas

1. Clean accessible surfaces, scrubbing away slime and biofilm
2. Apply a biocidal shock treatment
3. Drain and remove as much water from the system as possible
4. Remove filters
5. Leave filters to dry*
6. Keep the hot tub/spa as dry as possible, protecting it from external water sources (for example, hoses)

*Clean filters before reuse and replace filters or replace filter media as recommended by the manufacturer.

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