Memo to Pool Companies located or operating in Connecticut

Connecticut Update as of March 23 at 1:22pm

Source documents referenced below

- Connecticut Executive Order #7H
- Guidance from CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development: Essential Workers

Effective Monday, March 23 at 8:00 p.m., all non-essential businesses and not-for-profit entities are prohibited from participating all in-person work.

The order provides exclusions for any business or entity providing essential services or functions. Essential workers in the 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors, as defined by the federal Department of Homeland Security unless otherwise addressed in a prior or future executive order pertaining to the existing declared public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Pool service and construction fall under two of these critical areas:

9. Construction including:
   • all skilled trades such as electricians, HVAC, and plumbers
   • general construction, both commercial and residential

10. Services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of all residences and other buildings (including services necessary to secure and maintain non-essential workplaces):
   • outdoor maintenance, including pool service

Additionally, here are some key parts of the guidance documents from the state that may apply to your business operations

- Travel is restricted but there is a clear statement that employees can travel to and from work.
- Employees reporting to work are permitted to travel to and from their place of business. Businesses are encouraged to give each employee a letter indicating that the employee works in an industry permitted to continue operations.
- Non-essential retail businesses must close storefront and brick-and-mortar operations. Businesses may continue any online operations. Hardware and home improvement stores are listed as an exception.

This information is being provided to you as a member of the Northeast Spa and Pool association and is intended for your use to make decisions about your individual business during the restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. If you have concerns about your specific business operation you should consult your attorney. This is not intended to be legal advice.