



Make Swimming Healthier & Safer: Model Aquatic Health Code 1st Edition

Thank you for your interest in the [Model Aquatic Health Code \(MAHC\)](#), a collaborative effort of public health, academia, and industry working to protect individuals, families, and communities from preventable waterborne diseases and injuries through evidence-based guidance. Our vision is “Healthy and Safe Aquatic Experiences for Everyone.” Read below for the latest information.

MAHC 1st Edition now available

On August 29, we launched the nation’s first voluntary guidelines based on science and best practices for improving health and safety at swimming pools and other aquatic venues: [The Model Aquatic Health Code 1st Edition](#). States and localities can use the MAHC to create or update existing pool codes to reduce risk for outbreaks, drowning, and pool-chemical injuries.

Creating the MAHC has been a tremendous process, and CDC thanks the many organizations and individuals who have worked together to develop this document. The MAHC 1st Edition is a product of seven years of work, involving a steering committee, 12 technical committees, 140 people, and input and consensus from public health, aquatics, and academia. In two rounds of public comment, we received more than 4,400 comments—nearly three-quarters of which we accepted to make the MAHC even better.

New materials to promote the MAHC

As we launch the MAHC 1st Edition, we have also updated and created a number of materials to help potential users and stakeholders learn about the MAHC:

- [Reorganized and expanded MAHC website](#)
- [New MAHC materials](#)
 - [Button](#) to promote the MAHC on websites, blogs, and social networks
 - [Fact sheets](#) to print and share
 - [Infographic](#) to view, share, and print
- [New MAHC Training & Education page](#)
- [Updated MAHC newsroom](#)

Spread the word

Please remind your colleagues that the MAHC 1st Edition is now available. We encourage you to forward this email and/or to use your social media channels to spread the word. You may use, edit, or customize the following **sample posts for use on Twitter, Facebook, Google+, etc.:**

- States and localities can help keep swimming healthy and fun. Want to know how? Learn about the new #MAHC:
<http://go.usa.gov/mXZJ>
- New #MAHC uses latest scientific research to address key public health issues in pools & other aquatic facilities.
<http://go.usa.gov/mXZJ>
- With new #MAHC, local & state agencies can incorporate the latest science into pool inspection & safety programs.
<http://go.usa.gov/mXZJ>

Meet the CMAHC

Please check out our new partner, The Conference for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) at www.cmahc.org. The CMAHC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization created in 2013 to support and improve public health by promoting healthy and safe aquatic experiences for everyone. The CMAHC will serve as a key CDC partner by serving as a national clearinghouse for gathering stakeholder input and advice on needed improvements to the MAHC.