



SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLIC POOLS SAFETY

The Public Pool Safety Program at Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) is dedicated to protecting community health by ensuring that public swimming facilities meet safety and sanitation standards. Through routine inspections, education, and compliance enforcement, the program helps prevent the spread of waterborne illnesses and maintains a safe recreational environment for residents. SIPH works closely with pool operators to address violations and promote best practices in pool maintenance and water quality management.

THE PROBLEM



Waterborne diseases affect over **7 million** people in the U.S. every year and cost our healthcare system over **\$3 billion**.*



From 2015–2019, the CDC reported 208 public pool outbreaks across 36 states and D.C., causing 3,646 cases, 286 hospitalizations, and 13 deaths. Cryptosporidium caused **49%** of outbreaks and **84%** of cases. Legionella caused **42%** of outbreaks and **67%** of hospitalizations.**



In 2011, a Cryptosporidium outbreak linked to public pools led to **pool closures** in Idaho and Utah due to easy cross-contamination.***

SOURCES

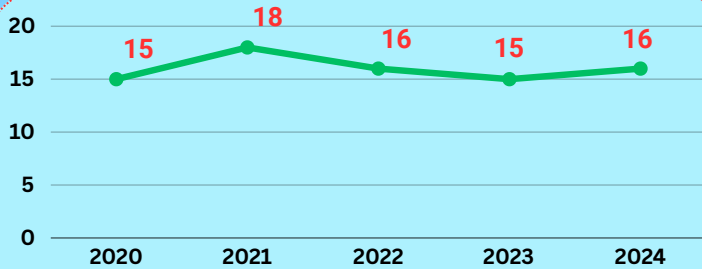
 www.cdc.gov/waterborne-disease*

 www.cdc.gov/mmwr**

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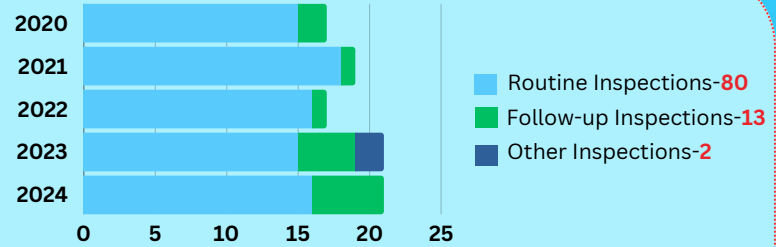
SIPH'S PUBLIC POOL SAFETY AND INSPECTION OVERVIEW (2020-2024)

Pool Licenses Issued Annually



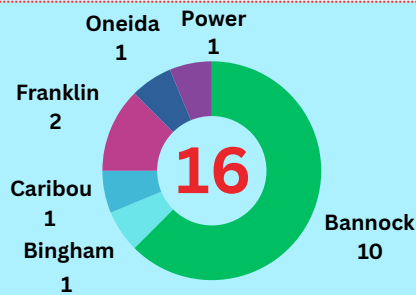
*Only pools **over 2 ft deep** and open to the general public are regulated; private club and hotel pools are excluded.

Total Inspections by Type



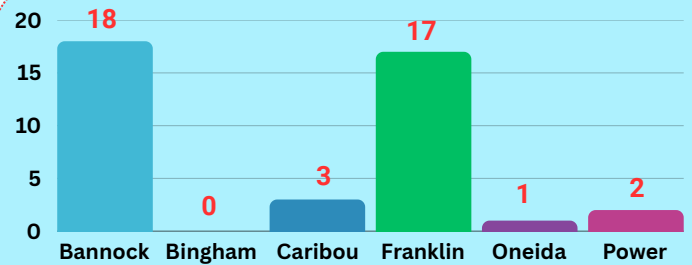
*Local pools across Idaho will no longer be required to undergo state health inspections starting **July 1**, following the passage of House Bill 202.

Pools Inspected by County



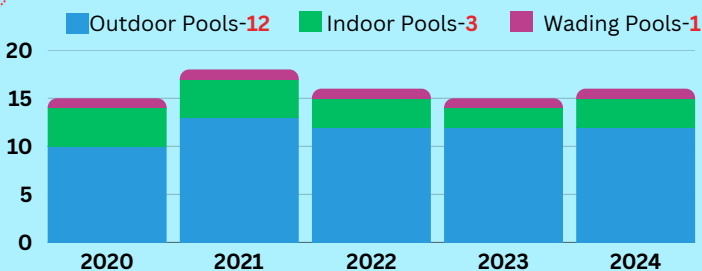
*This data represents the average annual number of pool inspections by county from 2020 to 2024.

Violations by County



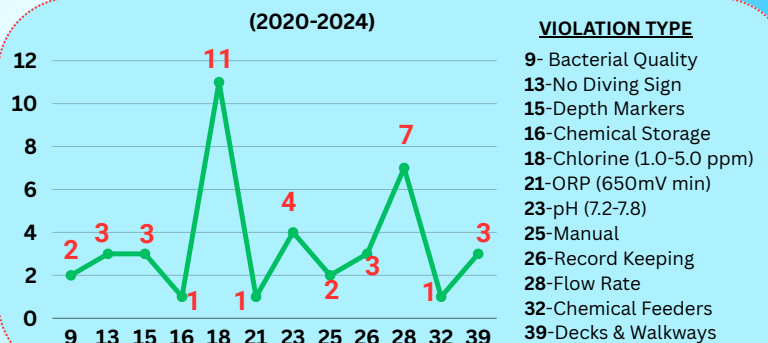
*This data represents the total number of violations by county from 2020 to 2024.

Pool Type Licensed



This data shows the average number of each type of pool licensed annually from 2020 to 2024.

Frequency of Violations by Type



Most Common Violations (2020-2024)



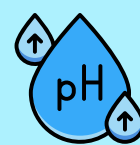
CHLORINE (1.0 - 5.0 PPM)

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FLOW RATE

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pH (7.2-7.8)

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