

### Outdoor Aquatic Center – Fecal Contamination Issues

The Sheldon Outdoor Aquatic Center has had a handful of incidents in regard to fecal contamination over the last few years. Under the State of Iowa Health Code, there are 3 different contaminations that need to be dealt with immediately and have 3 different responses that need to take place. They are vomit, formed stools and diarrhea. All 3 forms require swimmers to exit the pool and depending on the severity of each issue, may require the pool to be closed for an entire day. Due to the potential illnesses this may create, there is very little latitude in not addressing the situation. Not only is this frustrating for the patrons and staff, this can also be very expensive with the amount of chemicals that are needed to treat the incident.

With that said, we would please ask parents to take some time to discuss this with your children. If they are not feeling well or have had incidents of diarrhea, please do not go swimming or send them swimming. Also, parents with young infants are required to wear swim diapers and please check them often during swimming. We do appreciate your help with this and hopefully we can stop this from happening in the future for everyone to enjoy the Outdoor Aquatic Center.