



Chelan-Douglas Health District

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Water Parks *Not* Approved Under State's Current Reopening Phase

East Wenatchee, WA – After a Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) inspection that found a Chelan-area water park was well prepared to meet requirements for safe operation, this was misinterpreted as permission to reopen immediately even though that violates the Governor's current orders. CDHD notified the slide park to clarify that reopening now would cause suspension of the facility's permits and expose it to enforcement actions by state agencies. CDHD wishes the water park well and believes it will be well operated when it is legal to do so, but CDHD does not have the authority to override the Governor's orders, which do not currently allow the operation of such facilities.

Chelan-Douglas Counties are currently in a modified phase 1 and water parks are not allowed to reopen until phase 3, according to Governor Jay Inslee's [Safe Start Plan](#). The Washington State Department of Health is aware of the situation.

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