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Flora and Sutton pools install additional ultraviolet light disinfection

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department has installed additional ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection systems in both Flora and Sutton Swimming Pools to reduce the risk of recreational waterborne illnesses which may be transmitted through swimming pool water. Flora and Sutton Swimming Pools open on Saturday, May 30.

The UV systems were installed in the main pools at Flora and Sutton in addition to the UV systems installed in the water playground wading pools last season. These completely contained UV systems are part of the pool recirculation system that will kill parasites such as cryptosporidium (crypto), giardia, and others as the pool water flows through the unit during each cycle. The UV light disinfection systems work in conjunction with renovated chlorine disinfection systems.

Even with this equipment upgrade and change in procedures, the City asks pool patrons to assist in combating the spread of recreational waterborne illnesses by following these guidelines:

- shower before swimming;
- wash hands after visiting the restroom or changing diapers;
- change diapers in the locker rooms, not poolside;
- take children on bathroom breaks and change diapers often;

- individuals with diarrhea, abdominal/stomach cramps, or nausea should not visit the pools;
- do not swallow pool water – the crypto parasite must be ingested to be spread.

These changes in operational and pool patron procedures will help prevent recreation water illnesses from occurring in public pools this summer. For more information, please call Pat Prevenas at 589-4263 or e-mail pprevana@cityofdubuque.org.

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