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ATTEND THE 2ND ANNUAL BIENNIAL CMAHC CONFERENCE IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

Industry and public health professionals can help keep the MAHC sustainable, current, and complete by providing expertise to drive this important guidance.

Decatur, Ga., September 26, 2017 — The [Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code](#) (CMAHC) announces that CMAHC members will be voting on 179 proposed changes to the Model Aquatic Health Code ([MAHC](#)) this October. Industry professionals are encouraged to join the CMAHC and urged to add their voice to the chorus of public health and industry experts at the second *Vote on the Code* biennial conference, October 17-18, in Denver, Colorado.



The CMAHC Technical Review Committee has completed a review of all 179 proposed MAHC changes received in 2017. All completed and final Change Request (CR) reviews and revisions are [now posted for viewing and commenting](#) on the CMAHC website. Members are invited to comment on any proposed CRs or reviews. The CMAHC conference will include presentation of key CRs, the technical review, and summaries of member comments as well as time for caucusing on the CRs and floor discussion. Topics include acoustic design, chlorinator sizing, float tanks, design of benches/ledges, wing walls/shelves, lifeguarding and supervision, and filtration/disinfection issues. The breadth of topics makes it essential that people register for the conference and attend [in-person or virtually by livestreaming](#) to ensure their voice is heard, and allow them to help influence the vote to make the MAHC the best guidance it can be. There will also be a vote for a new CMAHC Board of Directors member. The CMAHC will continue to accept comments to influence the vote through November 3, 2017. Electronic voting opens with the conference and will close at midnight EST on November 19, 2017.

The CMAHC exists solely to promote and sustain the MAHC. Unlike other codes, the MAHC is kept sustainable, current, and complete because the people who use it vote on its content every other year through membership in the CMAHC. These proposed changes are then passed by the CMAHC to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to advise CDC on how the MAHC needs to change to keep up with the latest science and best practices.

CDC worked with public health, academia, and aquatics industry representatives across the United States on developing the [Model Aquatic Health Code \(MAHC\)](#), a voluntary guidance document to prevent drowning, injuries, and the spread of recreational water illnesses at public swimming pools and spas. [The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code \(CMAHC\)](#), a non-profit organization, was created to work in partnership with CDC to ensure that the MAHC is regularly improved and updated to keep pace with the latest science, industry advances, and public health findings.

Industry and public health professionals can help promote aquatic health, safety, and recreation by joining the CMAHC as a member and participating (in-person or online) in the [Vote on the Code Biennial Conference](#) on October 17 – 18, 2017.