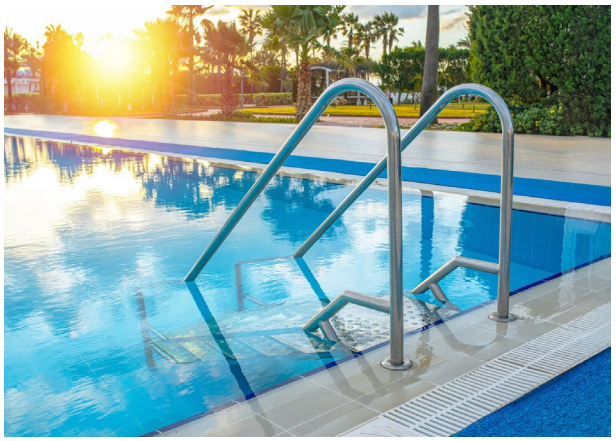
CMAHC Blog Posts: Submission Guidelines



The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) is committed to advancing public health and aquatic safety through science-based education, research, and collaboration. Our blog provides a platform for researchers, public health professionals, aquatic industry experts, and other stakeholders to share knowledge, explore emerging issues, and promote informed decision-making.

We welcome original contributions that support CMAHC's mission and strengthen the connection between scientific research, public health principles, and their practical application in aquatic environments. Contributing authors will be recognized within their published articles, with additional opportunities for exposure through CMAHC's newsletter and social media channels.

Submission Guidelines & Content Expectations

CMAHC welcomes **educational and technical articles** that address relevant issues within aquatic public health, safety, and operations. Content should contribute to a greater understanding of aquatic health risks, scientific developments, regulatory considerations, or evidence-based practices.

Suggested topics include:

- **Scientific Research & Emerging Issues**: New research, scientific findings, emerging health risks, and developments that may influence aquatic public health.
- **Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)**: Technical interpretations, code provisions, implementation considerations, and the scientific rationale behind recommended practices.
- **Public Health & Regulatory Practices**: Aquatic facility inspections, regulatory considerations, surveillance, disease prevention, and public health interventions.
- **Water Quality & Environmental Health**: Water treatment, disinfection, recreational water illnesses, environmental monitoring, and related health considerations.
- **Aquatic Safety & Risk Reduction**: Evidence-based approaches to identifying, evaluating, and mitigating risks in aquatic environments.
- **Research Into Practice**: Practical applications of scientific findings, case studies, lessons learned, and strategies for implementing evidence-based recommendations.

Other topics that support CMAHC's mission and advance knowledge within the aquatic public health community are encouraged.

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Length & Format:
To support readability, consistency, and accessibility, please follow these formatting guidelines:

- **Title:** Provide a clear, informative title, ideally 5–10 words, that accurately reflects the article's subject matter.
- **Length:** Articles should generally be 600–1,200 words. Longer technical articles may be considered when the subject warrants additional detail.
- **Organization:** Use descriptive section headings to organize information and guide readers through the article. Bulleted lists, tables, and other formatting tools may be incorporated when appropriate.
- **Images & Graphics:** Authors are encouraged to provide 1–2 relevant, high-quality PNG or JPEG images, charts, or graphics that support the article's content. All submitted visuals must be original or appropriately licensed, with necessary permissions obtained. Include source attribution and a brief caption where applicable.
- **Author Information:** Include a professional headshot, brief biography (2–3 sentences), professional title, organizational affiliation, and email address.
- **Social Media:** Authors may provide professional social media handles for recognition and tagging when articles are promoted.

Special Considerations for Technical Content
Articles discussing scientific studies, regulatory requirements, or technical recommendations should clearly identify the sources supporting their conclusions. Include citations or hyperlinks to credible supporting sources, particularly when referencing scientific research, technical standards, statistics, or regulatory requirements. Whenever possible, link directly to original research, government publications, or recognized technical resources.

When referencing the Model Aquatic Health Code, authors should identify the applicable edition and relevant provisions when appropriate. Articles should distinguish between MAHC recommendations, legally adopted requirements, and other applicable industry standards. Research summaries should communicate key findings accurately, acknowledge relevant limitations, and avoid overstating conclusions or implying causation when the evidence does not support it.

Submission & Revision
- Submit your blog to julienehefter@cmahc.org as a Word document or a link to a Google document. Include images separately.
- Our team will review your submission. Please expect a response within 7-10 working days regarding the next steps.
- If the editors choose to move forward, editorial feedback may be given to enhance readability and accessibility. If substantive changes are made, the editors will send the author(s) a final version to review prior to online publication.
- Editors will also let you know when your blog will be published. CMAHC will promote on social media where possible.

If you have further questions, please reach out to Juliene Hefter, Executive Director, at julienehefter@cmahc.org.

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