



Swallowing water at splash pads (also known as water playgrounds and spray pads/parks) can make you sick.



Germs can get into the water from poop or when they rinse off a person's body or splash pad surfaces.

Swallowing water containing germs can make you sick with diarrhea.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

- Sprayed water typically gets drained, filtered, and disinfected before being sprayed again.
- Chlorine kills most germs within a few minutes, **not** instantly.
- Swim diapers don't stop germs, poop, or pee from getting in the water.

Keep germs, poop, and pee OUT of the water.



DO:

- Stay out of the water if you are sick with diarrhea.
- Shower before getting in the water.
- Take kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers every hour.



DON'T:

- Swallow the water.
- Poop or pee in the water.
- Sit or stand on the jets.
 Sitting or standing on jets can rinse poop off your butt.



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