



## Regarding the Recent Breast-Feeding Controversy

- H2Oasis is perhaps the most family & kid friendly place in Alaska
- We have never and cannot think of any circumstances when we would ever ask anyone to leave H2Oasis for breast-feeding. Any reports to the contrary are false.
- We know of no one working at H2Oasis that has any problem whatsoever with breast-feeding. Any reports to the contrary are false.
- Any responsible survey of our employees would most likely result in an overwhelming support of breast-feeding.
- Using some assumptions, by our estimation, it is probable that breast-feeding has occurred several thousand (3,000-4,000) times at H2Oasis since we opened. In this timeframe, and with this frequency, only two incidents are known that have occurred where mom was asked to cover up and consider moving to the mezzanine from the pools or pool deck. For all the other numerous times, we have had no problems or complaints whatsoever.
- Considering this, with the exception of the maternity wards at the hospitals, there is a high probability that there is more breast-feeding going on within H2Oasis than any other facility in the state. And this is just fine with us.
- Our policy is simple. Use common sense, use some discretion, please cover up and refrain from breast-feeding in the pools or on the pool deck. The 16,000 square foot mezzanine provides plenty of space and comfort for breast-feeding. This includes many tables, chairs and a few couches. Also please be advised that food and beverage are not allowed on the pool deck per the Anchorage Health Department. Experience provides ample evidence that feeding babies with bottles, or breasts, may lead to burping or vomiting, which could result in the temporary shutdown of pools or areas on the pool deck which can impact all the guests in the park.
- H2Oasis has not violated any law. Any reports to the contrary are incorrect.
- The management of H2Oasis fully supports the Alaska Breast-Feeding Law.
- The management of H2Oasis has fully complied with all laws.
- We believe that anyone accusing H2Oasis of violating the law should:
  - 1) Carefully read and make sure they understand the law.
  - 2) Verify that the law actually applies to the situation.
  - 3) Verify all the pertinent facts.
- We believe that any information, contrary to the above points, is based on misleading information and misrepresentation of the facts, and it must be verified before an accusation is made.