

5/5/21 Aquatics Roundtable Chat Box Discussion notes

The Lifting of Regulations by Memorial Day

Mask wearing at pools

PRPS Training : could use it as incentive to reach the 70% level

Harry Levans : Is everyone following the CDC distancing guidelines for patrons while in the pool?
Specifically for lap swim and open rec.: We are an indoor facility

Shirley Brough : Did anyone sanitize the decks last year on a regular basis throughout the day? Are you doing it again this year?

Brian Foster : We are "encouraging" splashing at the pool this season to create a disinfectant mist to assist with our cleaning procedures.

Pool situation in 2020

Brian Foster : Closed in 2020. We usually pre-sell about 50% of our memberships before opening day. We are at 10% with 4 weeks to go. On pace for about 25%. So half our season pass sales of previous seasons. Hoping it picks up once we open.

Todd Miller : Lemoyne Pool was closed in 2020. It has definitely affected ability to rebuild staff. Very concerned I will be short-staffed to the point of not being able to open certain days.

Sue Canniff : Our swim lessons are full with waitlist.

Poll: Registration activity this year

Better than previous years 3/18 =17%

About the Same 6/18 = 33%

Worse than last year 9/18 =50%

Difficulty finding chemicals/parts/materials

Michael McGilbra : SCH 80 particularly is very difficult right now

Andy Oles : Does anyone know of a company that repairs pool covers (large ones)

Andy Oles : isn't splashing considered horse play

johnathan white : Does anyone use Chem2o as their chemical provider?

Sue Canniff : We use Chem2o at Mechanicsburg.

Has anyone heard any whispers that they are cutting corners?

Kristin Zeigler : would recommend buckmans for chem supply

Dan Killinger : Chlorine Shortage too..

CPO / AFO / pesticide certification

Tim Ishman : CPO - 2 PW, 3 Seasonal Pool staff and 1 Admin

Kristin Zeigler : myself, and our Director have AFO. we both also have pesticide as well as one maintainer has his pesticide

Sue Canniff : I have my CPO and my assistant has the pesticide.

Eric Shultz : Our pool manager has the cpo and pesticide. We did pay for his recertification. We are a small community and expect to have the same manager with us for several more years.

Deborah Catoggio : do those 6 cpo's have pesticide applicator as well?

Tim Ishman : 5 do at this time, 6th next year

chris biswick : 4 out of the 6 do

POLL Training Preference *CPO 16/21 = 76%*

AFO 2 = 10%

Neither 3 = 15%

Deborah Catoggio : How about LGI's

chris biswick : In upper st clair we have 10 LGI plus 1 LGIT

Kristin Zeigler : also seeing major staff shortages, still need 13-16 more guards to operate

Sue Canniff : Kristin - same at Mechanicsburg.

Andy Oles : staffing is tough everywhere since people can make more not working

Audrey Logar Are any of you having your local camp use the pool during the day?

chris biswick : Our camp is coming before we open everyday.

Eric Shultz : Same as Andy. The pool and day camp were open last year, but to control capacity we did not have the day campers. At the pool. This year we will have the day camp in small pods at the pool.

Sue Canniff : Mechanicsburg is opening our pool from 1-8 pm to allow the daycare and aquatic camps to happen in the morning.

Kristin Zeigler : allowing camps at the CCP

Andy Oles : depending on the size we sometime have them in before we open to the public

Gina Tophoney : This may offer some guidance....<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Guidance/Summer-Recreation-Camps-Pools.aspx>

Eric Shultz : Could someone give me guidance on paint colors for the pool and pool bottom? I can only find guidance on 'clarity' but not 'color'

Kristin Zeigler : I suggest snowwhite high gloss ecochoice from sausea

Eric Shultz : Thank you! I agree with your color choice. Our board wants something darker and it concerns me. Does anyone know if there are specific guidelines?

Kristin Zeigler : no guidelines that I know of

Todd Roth : How deep is the pool? A cerulean/sky blue can be nice but gets dark if more than a few feet deep

Poll : Preference for pool color for safety and style

White 21/21 = 100%

Blue 0/21

Other 0/21

Kristin Zeigler : thank you

Todd Miller : Thanks Jeremy! Nice Job!

Walt Mulholland : Thank you everyone. Great information

Brian Foster : Great job, Jeremy! Thanks everyone! Take care and stay safe!

Kristin Zeigler : thanks everyone

Next Aquatics roundtable is Tuesday, May 25th at 10:00 am