



PRPS Virtual Roundtable

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Aquatics Discussion

Resources

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2n4s-dgmvCeroxNUsxjV6OL07LiSI4AHeleLcMj9Qc/mobilebasic>
- <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/05/coronavirus-in-pa-will-public-pools-reopen-drive-in-theaters-or-graduations-heres-what-the-state-says.html>
- <https://cdn.swimswam.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf>
- List of all state pool opening procedure plans: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2n4s-dgmvCeroxNUsxjV6OL07LiSI4AHeleLcMj9Qc/mobilebasic>
- <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/120-day-certification-extension/a6R3o0000014Sws.html>
- Nationwide Pool Closure Link created by Waters Edge Aquatic Design out of Kansas
https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1iwVBIU-70DX_PKnVAf1Obw9qqxvx3RDa&ll=38.693156933047696%2C-96.80476114999999&z=4
- https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/clinics/online-clinic-series/wfh/the-then-and-now-of-pool-operation-and-programming-adaptations.pdf?sfvrsn=4a3a32_2
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Chat Discussion

Spronk Family: **If our county doesn't allow us to open, should we still open our pool and get the pump running, adding chlorine, etc, for the majority of the normal pool season?**

Gregory E. Kriner: **How to social distance children at the pool. They are always all over each other.**

tmiller: **Has any municipality considered the risk of losing a large amount of revenue if they open and hardly anyone comes to the pool because of all these restrictions?**

Andrew Oles: We still don't have guidelines from the Governor's office yet, maybe this week

virginia oldt: if Norgwyn doesn't open we will continue to treat, filter, and do grounds, etc.

mpalerino: Putting visible markers on the pool deck for social distancing would need to be continuously checked. Chalk washing off or tape being lifted up.

Andrew Oles: Cost will be a major factor on filtering all summer

Brian Andrews: Falls Township. We will treat, filter, do grounds as well

Andrew Oles: fence jumpers at night

Lee: The cost to realize opening a pool that is completely closed down for two years would be far greater than the cost to maintain a minimum of 1 ppm during that same time

Kenrick Brewster: If you have VFD's on your pumps, even better. you can run them at a lower energy level.

Deborah Catoggio: Northampton Township is planning to run and treat all summer regardless of use.

Tony Stafford: VFD's?

Gina Tophoney: Lower Merion Township is also planning on running even if we do not open

Dave Hutner: Variable speed pumps

Christine Gorlin: The short and sweet is to plan like you are going to open. If you end up not opening, you can decide at that point but at least for now.

Jim Foster: Fanny Chapman Pool Boro of Doylestown is planning on opening when allowed. Jim Foster

Stefanie Bonavita: think of the health concern if you have 400,000 gallons of stagnant water all summer

Spronk Family: Thank you for that confirmation to open the pool, even if we can't open to the public! We're just a small neighborhood pool, not really pool professionals!

Mark Palerino: I would think less patrons means less chlorine pumping into the pool, at least in an indoor setting. Still a sun factor drawing it out in the outdoor pools.

Kristal N. Manheim Township: Is anyone concerned about fence jumpers?

Lance Welliver: plan to get pool up and running and maintain whether we open or not

Cindy: Could you shut the pumps down at night?

Deborah Catoggio: We are located in the middle of Country Club which just opened - if we did not open the pool no one would want to golf!

Kenrick Brewster: In the past I have experimented with shutdown chemicals for the water in my pools. Most of them have an algacide, oil absorber and slow release chlorine. So that might be an option.

Dave Hutner: Mark...cyanuric acid will help to keep the sun from baking out your chlorine

Andrew Oles: someone is playing Jumaji out there

virginia oldt: running robot vac might help stirring the water

Stefanie Bonavita: If the water temp is under 50 don't run the vacuum you will ruin it

Kristal N. Manheim Township: Does everyone else feel that we all need to wait until Green for the pools to open?

cindy: Could the sand filters be affected running the pumps only part time?

Deborah Catoggio: If we do not open, we should probably post additional signage on gates/entrances to insure it is clear that the pools are closed and no lifeguards on duty - to doubly protect against jumpers (liability)

Tony Stafford: Is everyone waiting to be out of yellow before you open?

Kristin Zeigler: Yes, I believe the state will require us to get to the green phase before we are allowed to open

Kenrick Brewster: I am

Andrew Oles: I think we are all probably going to lose revenue his year if we open.

Brian Andrews: I believe we need to be at the "green" level to open

Laura: Lack of staff due to Social Distancing- limiting certifications.

Audrey Logar: Do you have daily rates if members sign up and want in? How did you monitor that?

Jeremy Mortorff: My thought is yes, we will need to be in the green phase before pools open.

virginia oldt: our goal is to not lose more money by opening than we would if we cannot/do not open

Samantha Holbert: **What are the ramifications to the creeks, lakes, etc. and for kids with no socialization, school, camp, etc. if the pools do not open?**

David Donnellan, Mt. Lebanon: Amen Mike!

Stacy: I believe MAHC listed a maximum

Deborah Catoggio: I think we need to look at ourselves as offering a service especially when travel will be limited...budget will be secondary this year. It is expected that we will not only not make a profit but will be operating at a loss.

Kristin Zeigler: I've heard that the ARC is not offering classes until we are in the green phase

Kenrick Brewster: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/classes/120-day-certification-extension/a6R3o0000014Sws.html>

Kristal N. Manheim Township: yes, masks for guards

Deborah Catoggio: Waiting on CDC recommendations before finalizing training and staff requirements

virginia oldt: we will have facemasks for staff when not on stand

Brian Andrews: Waiting on guidance from the CDC and state officials

JJ Ayers-Millar: We will require masks for all staff at all times, all BVM for CPR/Rescue breathing and viral filters for BVM

Marissa.eisner: once out of water, switching to viral filters

Stacy: Issuing a guard tube to each guard at the beginning of the day. They will be required to clean/disinfect it at the beginning and end of the shift.

Kristal N. Manheim Township: I purchased the Seal Rite Masks for water rescue. These also have an attachment for the BVM. I will also be purchasing reusable/washable masks for guards.

Christine Gorlin: Love the background Kendrick.

Christine Gorlin: Original Watermen is selling "cloth" masks. They are really nice and made of swim suit material and in lifeguard colors.

Andrew Oles: waterman's has masks made on swim suit material

Jeremy Mortorff: I've seen on NRPA blog, an air horn is being used

Kenrick Brewster: That's a great idea Christine

Christine Gorlin: LIVE VIDEO!!

Gregory E. Kriner: Does staff count in the amount of people in allowed in the facility?

Ashley Broud : yes - staff are included in that count.

danita: I use the electronic whistles for my day camp, and a lot of times when you drop them the back pops off and a battery goes flying, so the wrist strap is a must when we're on an outdoor deck lol

Stacy: A county here in Maryland is planning on only using saves from behind to reduce face to face contact

Andrew Oles: We have touchless thermometers for staff and patrons

Jeremy Mortorff: Our firm that completed our feasibility study is tracking pool closures nationwide-they are doing it via Google maps. I can share that if anyone would like.

Jeremy Mortorff: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1iwVBIU-70DX_PKnVAf1Obw9qqvx3RDa&ll=38.693156933047696%2C-96.80476114999999&z=4

Jeremy Mortorff: Waters Edge Aquatic Design out of Kansas

Gregory E. Kriner: If the governor continues us in the Red until May 26 we will not go Green for possibly 6 more weeks. This would be mid-July.

Kristal N. Manheim Township: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o2n4s-dgmvCeroxNUsxjV6OL07LiSI4AHeleLcMj9Qc/mobilebasic>

Ashelee Lewis: I would love to see the plans as well aslewis@lehi-ut.gov

Andrew Oles: SE PA probably won't go to green until end of June or July

Kenrick Brewster: Facility signage

Kenrick Brewster: covid related

virginia oldt: considering full refund/reregistration depending on when able to reopen. if open by mid-june we will likely leave as is. allowing all refunds until "opening day"

Brian Andrews: Delayed opening, keep the discount rates as permanent fees and provide some free guest passes as well

Jeremy Mortorff: I reviewed Kristin's plan yesterday-awesome job Kristin!

Stefanie Bonavita: Pray for 85-degree weather and sunshine. I think we will see when that happens politicians will deman

Brian Andrews: Refunds approved up till opening

Ashley Broudy: We are making a decision June 1st but are leaning towards closing. If we close, we would issue full refunds at that time. We did a plan/outline at the start of quarantine and it will take us 2 to 3 weeks to be ready once we are in the clear to open. We are still in the red phase.

Audrey Logar: Is anyone going to have concessions open at the pool? I was told ours won't be open at all.

Deborah Catoggio: Since Philly pools are not opening, is anyone located close by planning to limit pool sage to members only or residents only?

Derek Dureka: We are a suburb of Philly and have discussed limiting to residents only OR up to a certain time of the day. We are considering the same for camps.

Gina Tophoney: Here in Lower Merion, residency has come up in conversation since Philly pools are closed, but no decisions have been made.

Andrew Oles: concessions on a "take-a-way" only, back to your chair (if we can)

Ashley Broudy: I don't think we would be able to run concessions based on current guidelines. Our staff would not be able to maintain 6ft social distancing in the concession facility.

Spronk Family: **Does our small, member-owned pool have to follow the same guidelines as larger, public pools? We assume so, but wanted to check.**

virginia oldt: we would be limiting to only our members or those in our database

Derek Dureka: https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/clinics/online-clinic-series/wfh/pool-operations-suggestions.pdf?sfvrsn=3b4a3a32_2

Gregory E. Kriner: Kingston Dept. Parks & Rec, we are looking at only allowing members from 2019 and not opening our snack bar due to people gathering, no lounge chairs (we have 170), no locker rooms. Probably port a potties.

virginia oldt: our concessions are outside of our fence and a different vendor. We have no concession revenue.

Audrey Logar: We do and it is donated.

Samantha Holbert: we were planning to contract with a restaurant to run our concession stand so not sure how that will impact us

Christine Gorlin: Our boss provided head covering last year either hats or visors. Also he does provide sunscreen in large bottles

tmiller: Yes, sunscreen is available to staff but relatively small staff.

Deborah Catoggio: Sunscreen is part of our staff uniform. They are to wear it coming in. We have automatic dispenser available for staff and members

Julie Redding: unsure about concessions

Gina Tophoney: We subcontract our concessions and profit share

Heather Melck: we do provide sunscreen for staff (they don't use much of it)

Bonnie: Our concession stand would only offer packaged snacks - nothing cooked. We do not offer our lifeguards sunscreen for free.

JJ Ayers-Milla: Yes, we provide sunscreen for staff. I try to do hats when I have the budget

marissa.eisner: we use spray sunscreen, and I walk the deck every so often with the bottle and ask them if they need anymore

Kenrick Brewster: In reference to whether opening is financially feasible or not based on date. What about the occupancy limitations? Even if we open by a certain date will you be able to survive based on whatever the capacity limitations may be?

Jim Foster: Is anyone closing to guests...allowing only members this season

Derek Dureka: We actually started putting out sunscreen dispensers at all of our most popular parks

Julie Redding: we do not provide sunscreen for free to employees

Jeremy Mortorff: We do provide sunscreen for staff

virginia oldt: sunscreen is always available but usually our staff bring their own.

Deborah Catoggio: Concessions will depend on the final restrictions.

Gina Tophoney: We spoke about limiting guests but no decisions have been made

Derek Dureka: Including our pool facility

Gregory E. Kriner: We have umbrella's on all stands, no to sunscreen, we will not be concessions due to people gathering.

Group Email Addresses - See Google Doc

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10NOifeuZfsl5whH1SMHRwwY_x5VUCKwVR35489IFC88/edit?usp=sharing