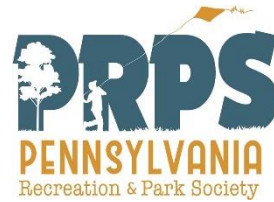


PRPS Virtual Roundtable Chat Discussion

August 6, 2020



Openings and updates on Centers

Brian Sell : Upper Merion is looking to have a soft reopening after Labor Day for Passholders to use the fitness center and indoor track...hoping to open more two weeks later for actual programs.

BK Koehler : Have folks been experiencing an increase / decrease in membership numbers due to adaptations or changes in operations

Phil Brady : Derek, are you busy at 6 am? Are folks coming in that early?

Phil Brady : Greater Plymouth CC has camps going and we reopened for fitness and lap swimming on 7/7. What are everyone's hours?

Tyler Walker : our facility numbers are busiest in the early AM, between 25-90 first three hours. membership is down

Phil Brady : We are open 7 am to 7 pm right now. We are thinking about changing hours?

Derek Muller : Phil, in relative terms, yes. Obviously we are not busy in the usual sense, but we had 13 scans today in that first hour. Does not include residents coming just to walk the track or Silver Sneakers

Phil Brady : Thanks Derek. Are they asking to come in early?

Derek Muller : Yes, our busiest time, especially for seniors, is often that 5:30am opening. Other than that it definitely hits a lull until about 4pm, especially without programs

Phil Brady : We are running outdoor fitness as well

Phil Brady : People like outside fitness from what we can tell

David Hutner : We have been running both indoor and outdoor fitness...with good success

Cleaning /Sanitation

David Hutner : How is everyone handling the disinfection of equipment/rooms/gyms etc? Staggered times between groups? In-house or contracted cleaning?

BK Koehler : What sort of physical barriers / equipment relocation has been necessary? Have you needed to direct traffic differently through your facilities?

Lauren Irizarry : We had sneeze guards installed at the reception desk. We will have a table with guard at the door to take temps like we are doing for camp. We also purchased a sanitizing fogger machine. Public Works fogs the building every morning.

Derek Muller : We have sneeze guards at the front desk, with social distance stickers to direct flow at the front desk when we do eventually get busier

Phil Brady : we have the people wipe before and after. Then we do it in between. We also do the camp restrooms twice a day.

Phil Brady : Any mask issues? folks wearing them? Our folks have been pretty good with masks...Basketball in the gym, while in small groups, has been an issue

What sort of outdoor options are folks planning for Fall / Winter?

Phil Brady : Hi Nancy, We are only doing 4 week sessions. That makes it easier if we do have to cancel

Lauren Irizarry : Outdoor fitness classes: yoga, boot camp, Zumba. Youth programs: Soccer Shots, Purposeful Play, sports conditioning program and, a paint in the park program

Phil Brady : Are you running those programs Lauren? they sound like good ideas. Or just ideas?

Lauren Irizarry : I am planning to for the fall. Soccer Shots and yoga are running currently.

Phil Brady : excellent

Phil Brady : When we get room rental request we are pointing them to pavilions.

Schools

Phil Brady : So is USC going back to school Tyler?

Tyler Walker : hi Phil, they are returning in a hybrid model 2 days a week per cohort

Phil Brady : Is anyone considering a school type of program? for working parents?

Lauren Irizarry : Yes, Phil, I am.

Phil Brady : A place for parents to drop their kids off for the day and do their school work?

Lauren Irizarry : Phil, I am not sure if you were on the call on Tuesday for programming but I mentioned it. I am going to call it Virtual Enrichment. I will not have certified teachers. They will be moderators. It will follow our school district (colonial) bell schedule for elementary and middle school. It will run 8:45am - 3:15pm. Kids will do their work. Electronic devices and headphones necessary. I will set up tables, of course, socially distanced. Moderators will be there in case of a problem, question. Will not be "teaching" them.

Phil Brady : Sounds good. Thanks. Essentially, the children will attend and do their school work. YMCA is starting it in the Philly area

Nicole Kreutzman : Hi. We attempted to do 90 day programs five years ago for North Fayette Township and we had an official from the DPW come in and shut those programs down. These were during the school year

Phil Brady : Even a half day will help parents. Anyone having any issues with people keeping masks on?

BK Koehler : PA afterschool youth development license details:

<http://www.psaydn.org/home/licensing-and-regulations/>

Exemptions are on this page.

Niki : **Update on Provisional Hiring**

This morning the House Children and Youth Committee unanimously approved House Bill 2503 that would allow all Pennsylvania employers to request a 45-day provisional hiring waiver for new hires who have direct contact with children. House Bill 2503, sponsored by Representative Brett Miller, R-Lancaster, would allow provisional hires to begin work after the completion of initial background checks providing other safety requirements are met. This bill will make it easier for municipal park and recreation programs and other seasonal employers to be fully staffed given that federal background checks including FBI fingerprinting were taking four to five weeks to complete even before the COVID-19 emergency.

The committee amended House Bill 2503 to change the effective date to January 1, 2021. This change reflects the fact that Governor Wolf recently signed into law Act 18 of 2020, which essentially created a similar provisional hiring waiver for the remainder of 2020 due to the COVID-1

Nicole Kreutzman : we attempted to have an afterschool program from 3-6pm for 4 nine week blocks under 90 days and we received a cease and desist from the DPW.

Lauren Irizarry : Oh, wow, Nicole. I will have to look into it.

BK Koehler : Licensing requirements are not applicable to the following programs:

“A part-day school-age program that operates for less than 90 consecutive days per calendar year from the date the program opens to the date the program closes. This clarification does not apply to a legal entity that has a certificate of compliance to operate a child care center or group child care home and that increases its enrollment to include school-age children in the summer and on school holidays.”

Nicole Kreutzman : we had to adjust our programs to fall under their parameters. so our afterschool was MWF from 3:30 to 5:30, a sports program on Tues and enrichment programs on Thurs. we also were allowed to hold full day programs when school is not in session.

Phil Brady : are most districts around the state going virtual entirely or only some days? Most around here are only going entirely virtual

Derek Muller : North Penn is virtual until at least November. I know the same for Abington.

Phil Brady : That is what I am hearing.

Phil Brady : good advice Nancy! We are just taking it week by week.

The Governor's statement on sports (Aug. 6)

Phil Brady : Good question BJ. Will folks be closing their fields? Derek, what will come on Monday?

Derek Muller : Maybe further clarification on Wolf's last-minute conference statement regarding no sports in 2020. Wish I could see the future

Phil Brady : I see. Got it. We will have to see...

Don't forget PRPS's first virtual social Next Thursday from 4:30 - 6:30pm, Mixology, games, conversation and comradery

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcO2grzwwH9P7G3gLW53w6cPagNmOLvx8>

David Hutner : Are you giving out drink tickets?

David Hutner : Figures :)

Phil Brady : Is anyone doing screenings? at the door? LOL

Lauren Irizarry : Thank you

Audrey Logar : thank you!

Phil Brady : Thank you. Dan, lets have another one of these in a few weeks if we could.

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Also sign up for **Leadership P.I.VO.T.** with Nancy Kelly an informative webinar for Park and Recreation leaders.

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