



Statewide P&R Professionals COVID-19 Coordination Call **Meeting Agenda**

Date: Thursday, May 14th
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1) Concepts of Operations –

- a. Aquatic Facilities (Indoor/Outdoor Pools; Beaches) and Programming**
 - i. Status of re-opening efforts
 - ii. Sharing of guidance documents

The City of Spokane presented a PowerPoint presentation representing the many park agencies in Eastern Washington. The City of Cheney is withholding program plan decisions based on future reopening approval to come. They are moving forward with interviewing camp staff in order to be prepared if, and when, they can open. The City of Ellensburg typically doesn't offer camps but due to the closure of other sites in the area who would normally host camps they are considering day camp options to fill this need in the community. They will implement sign-ups to track the number of participants, and possibly use their Youth Center along with Senior Center to host the camps. Ellensburg will not provide trips but rather focus on local service of the community by providing day camps/childcare. The City of Pullman is targeting the date of June 22nd for the opening of their summer camp programs. They will limit their high touch areas and implement other safety precautions. They will be making determinations regarding their pool functions for the summer very soon. The City of Quincy is considering increments of time in parks where they will provide sports equipment to kids for use. Also, under consideration is the idea of providing WIFI zones at parks so that parents can work while their kids recreate. The City of Spokane plans to offer modified camps when they enter Phase III. They will implement touchless sign-ins, forms, and registration, as well as train staff, and message safety precautions appropriately. They produced a survey with the intent of ensuring they

are providing the services which the community wants the most. They will make these survey results available to this group. Spokane Valley Parks are implementing a camp-in-a-box option and are collaborating with school districts to provide food. Their box kits will include camp activities, virtual activities, recipes, a shirt, and an art kit. Spokane Valley will share this kit program once it is more fully developed.

The City of Enumclaw is set to begin small group programs on July 6th. These small groups will be divided into 6 different locations within their facility. They will implement the CDC guidelines for safety and cleaning and consider local field trips if possible. Their maximum participant level is limited to 42 children (with 6-8 staff).

The City of Shoreline will have day camps this summer consisting of 18 groups of 8 kids and two staff per week. They will hold nine 1-week sessions. They plan to provide a mixture of indoor and outdoor camps following the WA State Department of Health Guidelines. They will begin registration on May 26th for Camp starts date on June 22.

Spokane County Parks, the City of Spokane Parks, Spokane Valley Parks, and the City of Cheney Parks are all working together to provide consistent messaging and reopening strategies regarding their aquatic's programs/facilities. There are no final decisions on aquatics yet. The City of Pullman is facing a financial burden to reopen their outdoor pool. Many staff who would normally work at the pool are not living/working in the college town due to the university closure. Reservation time slots for lap swim will be a consideration of reopening. Additionally, the requirement of a parent accompanying each child to ensure social distancing may be necessary. There is hope that the opening of the pool overall outweighs all the inconveniences which will be experienced by the changed circumstances of operation.

A facility document was shared with the group which depicts a current calculation/projection of capacities in an aquatics space. In this example, numbers would be assigned to designated areas and patrons would be assigned an area number as they enter the facility. Research shows that 2/3 of visitors at any given time occupy the water feature of this facility. They found that with these projections, it brings their proper capacities for reopening down to 30% of original capacity amounts. This could mean the need to plan for 30% of usual revenue and for the servicing of only 30% of regular visitors. Given this information it can quickly be realized why some agencies may not consider opening at all due to financial impacts and the lack of cost recovery.

The following links were shared regarding pool and aquatic facilities amidst COVID19;

- <https://baptisthealth.net/baptist-health-news/can-covid-19-spread-via-swimming-pools/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/residential/disinfection-testing.html>

b. Summer and Fall Sports Seasons and Leagues

i. Protocols and approach to operating sports leagues and facilities

The City of Lynnwood is planning to keep their fields closed to formal use until September 1st. They currently providing minimum maintenance in order to keep the fields alive. They are not able to hire the staff needed to bring the fields into proper order for

the summer. This is due largely to budget shortfalls. Lynnwood has experienced a loss of 1.3 million dollars which equates to 65% of their revenue.

The City of Everett will not be considering the opening of any fields until at least Phase III while Pierce County Parks are planning for summer and fall leagues effective July 6th. The Cities of Enumclaw and Redmond plan to wait until Phase III for the opening of their ballfields. Normandy Park will wait until September to open their fields for organized sports. It may be necessary to for leagues/tournaments to submit operation plans which outline how they will follow proper distancing procedures during play.

The current GSL Tournament Guidelines were shared and will be made available with the meeting minutes. These guidelines reference specific points that are necessary to the reopening of fields/sports such as team gear sharing policies and dugout procedure.

2) **Community Communication**

- a. All the rules are changing. How are we getting the message out and how are we collecting data to make informed defensible decisions?
- b. Low cost community engagement tools (polling, surveying, outreach & engagement)

WCIA will be offering a community engagement webinar in the coming weeks. Best Practices for Online Community Engagement: Friday, May 29, 2020 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Registration will cost \$35.00 per person. This webinar will outline processes for virtual engagement of citizens. Metro Parks Tacoma will be distributing a survey to better understand the community's service preferences moving into reopening. Community engagement is important for our agencies to better categorize budget priorities. In doing so, we can prioritize the services left and align money where citizens would like to see it most. The University of WA Tacoma has expressed interest in being a resource for survey data. Their webpage can be accessed at <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/urban-studies/south-sound-alliance-resources>.

3) **Group share/Questions for the Group**

- Procedures need to be developed for the sanitations of exercise equipment and play structures. However, patrons are beginning to visit the parks more prepared with personal sanitation equipment.
- Lakes are currently treated in the same manner as open space areas. It is not possible to physically close lakes.

Discussion Items for Next Week

- [Shared work program](#).
- Risk Management
- Funding through Cares Dollars

Meeting Adjourned 1:02pm

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Young
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