



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

**Date:** Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 12:00PM  
**Location:** Conference Call  
**Meeting ID:** 556 310 829

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- 1) **Comments from Rep. Larry Springer (D-Kirkland/45<sup>th</sup> Dist.), helping to head up House Democratic Caucus work group on COVID-19 recovery**

Representative Larry Springer was not available to attend this meeting.

- 2) **Discussion/Reaction/Questions - Outcomes of Governor Inslee's Press Conference from Friday**

- a. "Safe Start" Proclamation/Guidance:

[https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

The "Safe Start" guide and its requirements were reviewed by the group. As we continue to align ourselves with other agencies, we may run into difficulties as counties and regions will open at different times. Originally, it was envisioned that Phase II would require that no more than five people occupy any one space. This does not seem to be the case any longer especially when considering the allowances provided by the Governor to religious services and ceremonies such as weddings. Pierce County is advancing a Phase II request in the same manner that Snohomish County has. Opening by county makes it difficult to establish phased plans together. This is particularly difficult regarding the Phase "1.5" that is beginning to be referenced.

Discussion was raised questioning the cost effectiveness of bringing staff back while only being able to provide a few services in Phase II.

### **3) Event Protocol Matrix and Phase III Event Recovery Framework**

In the next few weeks some counties that have been operating in a Phase II status will make the move to Phase III. Our spaces and venues are so different from each other that it does not make sense to define all these spaces by a 50-person limit. Most of the information available references the decision “to host or not to host” an event, but there is little information on how to determine if an event is practical and functional. The amount of space available to utilize should be considered as a determining factor in the number of participants that are deemed acceptable in that space. There is still a consensus that parks agencies will be cancelling all events with over 2,500 participants because our agencies are not able to control mass crowds such as this. However, there is much variance between a 50-person limit (allowed in Phase II) and a 2,500-person limit (allowed in following phases). The matrix tool, which was reviewed, was developed in order to outline the formula for determining safe attendance levels. Please provide any feedback on this document to Roxanne by Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This document will also be reviewed with the Governor’s Office as well as our multi-state partners. After revisions it will go to the WRPA board for final approval.

#### a. Comments & Feedback

### **4) Group share/Questions for the Group/Roundtable**

- King County listed their understanding the modified Phase 1 (1.5) to include the following as it pertains to parks and recreation:
  1. Recreation: Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household
  2. Gatherings: Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week
- A recent link regarding business opening was also shared.  
<https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2020/May/29-re-opening-limited-business-activity.aspx>
- The City of Lynwood attended a meeting about facemask requirements and provided an update. It may be a violation of an individuals’ 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights to required that a mask be worn in outdoor spaces. In indoor spaces, which are limited public forums, requirement of masks could also be an infringement on personal rights. Additionally, required health screening at facilities may be a 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights violations. On the other side of the discussion, failure to require these types of safety precautions can be grounds for a civil lawsuit if an individual was to contract COVID19 at our facilities. To provide the safety precautions without creating a rights infringement, a facility could “recommend” health screenings and “recommend” mask wearing by preparing and staging the supplies at entrances to facilities and encouraging their use.
- WCIA is suggesting accompanying signage to playground openings which states “Use at your own risk; equipment not sanitized”, along with health agency’s public health guidelines. The City of Enumclaw provided an example of their signage which states; The City of Enumclaw does not perform cleaning, disinfection or sanitizing of its parks, trails, athletic courts, fields or play structures. Travel to and use of City of Enumclaw

Parks must be in compliance with Governor Inslee's "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto.

- WCIA also recommends rental contract information related to COVID19 expectations.
- Tentative preparations are being made for a call on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30PM regarding all things aquatic.
- Preparation of a risk management call is also in progress. This call will reference risk management and it applies to the mitigation of COVID19 in parks and recreation settings.
- Discussion was raised regarding the interpretation of the recent childcare/summer camp guidance and its timing. Is this guidance phase specific or operational across all the phases? The consensus is that the childcare guidance is in effect regardless of the current phase of the county due to the positive economic impact of offering childcare services. Further discussion added opposition to this consensus. For example, if ten kids can be in one place for childcare purposes then shouldn't 10 person sports be allowed to recreate? The direct nexus between childcare services and adults returning to work gives validity to the childcare allowance and not to sports teams.
- Scheduled events/activities will start in Pierce County in Phase II with registration. They will begin to operate under the pretext of allowing for programs that happen in the facilities (by reservation/registration) but not opening the facilities wholly.
- The May edition of NRPA includes a helpful resource titled "How COVID-19 Impacts Parks and Recreation Funding", by Kevin Roth. This publication may offer support in building a case for funding.

**Meeting Adjourned 12:45pm**

Respectfully Submitted

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