



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

**Date:** Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 12PM  
**Location:** Conference Call  
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### **1) “Protect Existing Resources” Group on Outdoor Recreation and How Local Parks Agencies Can Provide Help/Input**

Doug Levy has been working with one of our state representatives. They are developing a document which outlines the impacts felt by public and nonprofit recreation agencies due to COVID19. There has been an impact template sent out to the agencies on this call which Doug requested agencies complete and send back to him. These documents will help to understand a sampling of the program/service reductions, job reductions, and increased demand for services during these times across different municipalities. Please submit these documents to Doug by close of business on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This document primarily requests information related to outdoor recreation.

### **2) Update - Call with Jon Snyder Re “Gatherings” in Phase 3 of Governor’s “Safe Start” 4-phase plan**

Doug has been in conversation with Jon Snyder regarding the outdoor recreation guidance document for Phases II and III across the state of Washington. This document has been shared with members of this group at this time. There is a very short turnaround time on the review and discussion of this document as it needs to be submitted to Jon today. It was noted that an obvious overlap in standards came directly from the current Washington State construction work guidelines which were previously published. Jon was very clear that this document is directly related to the guidance of outdoor recreation and should not be utilized to determine guidance in

indoor spaces. Several questions were brought up including guidance specific to multi-sport complexes, farmers markets, and the requirements of handwashing stations.

Discussion was raised regarding future play and practice standards for sports. It may be necessary for sports teams to participate in a quarantine period before engaging in active play. There is currently a mandatory two-week quarantine time for college sports players before they can return to play. Questions were raised regarding the implementation of safety plans during facility rentals which are not staffed or monitored. A modification of the permitting process for rentals of fields and facilities should require that the renter have a safety plan in place. This safety plan would then likely be the responsibility of the coach or team to implement. Agencies should keep a copy of the submitted safety plan on file with the rental agreement. There may also be further requirements in place by the state to mandate a COVID site supervisor at such events. Pierce County Parks plan to utilize their Youth Sports Coordinator to issue safety standards to the teams. The change to this process can be viewed in a similar manner as the change to sports which occurred when concussion prevention regulations became standard. When these new regulations were issued it was required that teams/players receive the proper concussion training, modify their liability waivers, and update sport policies in order to comply. This will be the same order of events necessary for leagues to come into compliance with the new COVID related play standards. The City of Tualatin (Oregon) Parks has tried to get ahead of the drafting process on these standards by connecting with state level personnel to assist in the molding of future guidance.

There is currently a legislative recovery group focused on addressing issues such as access to PPE, small business access to credit in the market, childcare, and long-range economic recovery. Their group will soon produce a survey to the public. They believe that the agencies on this call can help shape the survey questions.

### **3) S. 3422 “Great American Outdoors Act” which would permanently double LWCF**

Senate Bill 3422 is currently pending before the US Senate. It currently has 60 co-sponsors from both republican and democrat parties. A request was made for email support letters from agencies around the state who have used/benefited from LWCF dollars. This legislation could double the LWCF funding possible if approved. Organizations should send these letters directly to Senator Cantwell and Senator Murry at the following addresses;  
[Tre\\_Easton@murray.senate.gov](mailto:Tre_Easton@murray.senate.gov); [Megan\\_Thompson@cantwell.senate.gov](mailto:Megan_Thompson@cantwell.senate.gov).

### **4) Announcement – Joint WRPA-ORPA Aquatics Roundtable Discussion**

a. 2:30pm, Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Oregon Health Authority, Washington Department of Health, and risk management partners from across the state will join in on this call regarding all aspects of aquatics. This meeting will be facilitated as a roundtable discussion.

Three risk management forums are currently in the planning process. These will include a roundtable brainstorming session, details/tactics session, and a broad NRPA innovation labs discussion.

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

- Discussion of playground cleaning practices and cleaning standards took place in the chat forum;

- Most agencies are currently not cleaning their playground equipment.
- Pierce County Parks ordered back packs for quick disinfecting of restrooms and will be pressure washing their playground equipment daily.
- Spokane playgrounds will likely be given the approval to reopen within the next 10 days. However, they are not cleaning their playgrounds consistently.
- When playgrounds re-open, agencies will encourage visitors to bring and use their own hand sanitizer.
- Further guidance on the cleaning and sanitation requirements of playgrounds was requested.
- In Oregon, regulations outline that pool facilities will be limited to 1 lap swimmer per lane. It was discussed that this is not a large enough use to validate the reopening of pool facilities. This may or may not be a requirement in Washington when pool guidelines are released.
- The City of Puyallup will not to open their pools this summer. Pools will open with fall sports, should they be given the green light.
- Clarification of outdoor youth team sports and outdoor adult recreational team sports was shared as the following;
  - In Phase II team practice can resume if players are limited to groups of 5 in separate parts of the field separated by a buffer zone, and if the practice can follow social distancing between players with no contact. Each league or club must publish and follow a return to play safety plan. Parents and household members must not congregate on the sidelines during practice.
  - In Phase III teams playing at sporting facilities with more than one field will have limitations on public gatherings for each individual field rather than for the entire multiple field facility. Each league must publish and follow a return to play safety plan.
  - Consensus was reached that the 50-person limit applies per field and not to an entire complex with multiple fields.
- Phase IV was discussed as the possible reopening stage for Senior Centers.
- Some agencies have decided not to guard beaches this summer due to the lack of qualified staff, and inability to re-certify current staff. The City of Bellevue is planning to open beaches if they can hire enough lifeguards. They are looking into a variance from Public Health to allow ARC to certify/re-certify lifeguards.
- It has been strongly suggested that a very long Phase III can be expected, and that further guidance will only come after more progress is reached. It may not be likely to anticipate the allowance of Phase IV until January of 2021
- Thurston County Health Department offered additional guidance which outlines the approval to run day camps in any phase.
- A list of specific recreation areas that do not have proper or enough guidance at this time was formulated. This preliminary list includes playgrounds, restroom cleaning standards, indoor rentals, beachfront lifeguarding, and sports field rentals. Agencies should send specific guidance requests to Jennifer Burbidge at [jburbidg@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:jburbidg@ci.lacey.wa.us). This will then be compiled into a poll at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned 1:02pm**

*Respectfully Submitted*

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