

AZ Aquatics Zoom Meeting

4.14.2020

Joe Laco: CDC Environmental Health

Michelle Fox: CDC Healthy Swimming Program

Amy Kerby: CDC

Jen Murphy CDC Wash (or Watch?) Team

Greg Epperson: Maricopa County Water Control

CDC is currently developing guidelines to “Reopen America”. Guidelines will include:

- Keeping low levels of transmission
- General cleaning and disinfecting guides
 - Including guides specific to recreation/aquatics
- Aquatic Specific Items (Some also apply to Rec Centers):
 - Require people not in the water to wear a mask
 - Asked about lifeguards in chair and CDC indicated they would not need to wear because they are up/away from public and need whistle access
 - Cloth masks not used for children under 2 due to suffocation possibilities
 - No masks in the pool
 - No change to pool chemistry/pool chemicals- enough to kill the virus
 - No change to regular pool maintenance
 - Developing guides to what occupancy size is appropriate
 - Might be ½ or ¼ of original occupancy
 - Swim lessons – smaller class sizes
 - Lower levels (P/T through 3): parents must be in water with child and doing the skills/manipulation
 - Markers on deck/stairs for where to start when waiting for the diving board or slide
 - In terms of rescuing, social distancing would take a back seat to life saving.
 - CDC has public health posters and signage that we can print off and post around the facilities.
 - Waiting to hear back from/have a meeting with American Red Cross, Ellis and Associates, and StarGuard about training classes.
 - CDC wants them involved in the conversation about training.
- No risk of contracting COVID-19 inside water (the chlorinated water kills COVID-19)

- Doesn't remove risk from sneezing or coughing while in water but head is above water and it being airborne and someone else getting it
 - That's why social distancing will still be important, even in water
- Clean “frequently”. Term will not be defined.
 - It is up to the facility to determine what frequent means to them.
 - Consider the high use areas, what are the risks, and what is feasible.
 - High use areas are:
 - Door handles
 - Railings
 - Toilet handles
 - Gates, fencing
 - Ladders
- Not a lot of lab work being done right now on COVID besides work to find a vaccine and antibody studies.
 - PPE is going to those resources

Maricopa County

- Following Governor's orders
- Looking to the state and DHS for direction and decisions
- Inspections are still occurring but they are only looking for issues like broken fences or gates, greens pools, mosquito breeding, etc.
 - No normal inspections