



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

Date: Thursday, May 28th
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1) New State Guidelines for Fitness & Training

- a. Temperature read for the group. For those with Fitness Centers are you planning on opening in Phase 2?
- The City of Tukwila is considering opening some fitness services in Phase II with proper safety modifications. Considerations of the cost of opening in Phase II vs. the benefit of opening were discussed. These types of facilities in Phase II would have significant restrictions.
- Playgrounds and fitness equipment may be considered as the same types of facilities with regard to cleaning and sanitation requirements. Overall, fitness is a low revenue generating service. Interest surveys show that the public would like access to fitness equipment and are eager to return to fitness services. The necessary safety precautions required to reopen fitness services within Phase II would be extensive.
- Considerations were brought up regarding the requirement of facemasks while working out. Fitness classes could be possible in outdoor spaces in mid-June/July dependent on rehiring/reintegration of staff. Employees will likely be required to wear a mask at this time, but this may not be the case for the public.
- Fun runs and organized races are being considered as possibilities in Phase III. Organizers would utilize staggered start times to disperse crowds. There is also the possibility of setting up virtual courses which individuals can run on their own time with their families.

2) Childcare Advisory Group Update

- a. Updated [DOH guidance](#) is now available on child care, youth development, and summer day camps

- b. Important things to note:
 - i. Any day camp that includes sports related activities must also following forthcoming guidance for youth sports.
- c. Not included in this guide:
 - i. Overnight Camps
 - ii. Youth sports and athletics (example: leagues, recreation teams, clubs)
 - iii. Activities included as part of K-12 basic education or special education programs

The Department of Health released new guidance regarding Child Care/Day Camps on Wednesday, May 27th.

- Pierce County Parks plan to move forward with their day camps currently. They have received specific permissions from the Health Department after submitting a request to provide these services which included economic development and impacts to their County as key negotiation factors.
- The City of Bellevue is looking to implement day camps in Phase III. Even when allowed, they will still need to consider the space available to properly social distance. They will also consider how to adequately modify activities.
- The City of Shoreline has begun registrations for new camp sessions. They cancelled previous registrations to camp programs but when they began to accept registrations again, they gave priority to local residents with scholarships, Shoreline residents, and Lake Forest Park residents. They have rewritten their camp handbook, liability waivers, and protocols, and are moving ahead to start camps on June 22nd. They will make these documents available to the group for reference.
- The City of Lynwood is planning to begin day camps on June 22nd.
- There is currently a formal request in progress from Snohomish County Officials to the State requesting that Snohomish County move to Phase II.
- The City of Pullman hopes to begin camps on June 22nd. If their Phase II entry date is delayed, they will plan for a start date in early July.
- PenMet Parks will begin their camps on June 22nd. They are operating from a waiting list that does not require upfront payment. They plan to host zoom trainings to get staff up to date on new policies, procedure, and operations.
- The Cities of Redmond and Enumclaw plan to begin their day camps on July 6th.
- The City of Tukwila is not currently planning to offer camp this summer due to a limited number of full-time recreation staff and the necessary coverage of other Department or City operations by their remaining staff. They are planning to run a Mobile Recreation program instead.

3) Position Paper on Events and Event Protocol Matrix- Roxanne Miles

The discussion of our position paper began with a review of a Canadian published document on this topic. This paper will be distributed with the minutes and uploaded to the WRPA website. Overall, agencies are still largely choosing Phase III as the beginning of event hosting. Our departments know that we can put precautions in place which adequately manage safety concerns but do not limiting attendance by a defined number amount. Large events do carry a higher risk, but in many cases increased mitigation is also largely possible. Outlined in the position paper is the need for local events as they provide outlets which are close to home for people, generate sales for small business, and have an overall economic benefit. There is

currently much information available regarding the validity of events in spaces that can be adequately managed. Most municipalities have cancelled all events through July but the possibility of events in August and beyond are still being considered. The objective of the paper is to request the authority be afforded to each agency to define event attendance by their ability to follow safety and social distancing regulations without defining the attendance with a specific number. The requirement of a defined number of attendees doesn't make the event safer, it simply limits the service that our departments can provide. A draft of the position paper will soon be reviewed between Roxanne and John Snyder. Please submit feedback on this draft by Monday, June 1st. We will discuss this paper again on Thursday, June 4th and then engage our multi-state partners into the process as well.

4) Group share/Questions for the Group/Roundtable

- Many departments commented on the rise in park issues and noncompliance levels last weekend. Many park goers are utilizing parks inappropriately amidst current closures. There is much frustration surrounding the destruction of caution tape and fenced off areas in parks. Increased closure measures may need to be implemented such as capping basketball hoops, snow fence wrapping of playground equipment, and removal of swing seats.
- Pierce County may be petitioning in the same manner that Snohomish County local government is in order to move to Phase II.
- The City of Shoreline shared their link for summer camp information. Visit shorelinewa.gov/campshoreline to find the parent guide link, liability waiver, and health screening form and FAQ.
- There is currently a large demand from the public to reimplement sports at our park facilities. However, most agencies agree that organized sports won't be possible until at least Phase III. It is becoming more difficult to enforce these closures as the public compliance levels are dropping. The City of Shoreline will allow sporting practices in Phase II limited to groups of 5 in each quarter of a soccer field and 3 groups of 5 on baseball diamonds.
- Many summer operations are still unknown regarding beachfront, spray park, splash pad, open water, and lifeguard programs. There is an aquatic focus call scheduled for next week to discuss these types of programs and their related issues. Lifeguard training is a large consideration factor as staff will need time to be trained before they are even considered for employment.
- Dog park openings/closures remain split across the board. Some departments are operating with open dog parks while others remain closed at this time.
- A request was made to discuss recreational immunity as it applies throughout the phased reopening process. There is a risk management forum in the process of being scheduled which will be specific to parks and recreation services. WCIA will host a webinar at 1:00pm today, May 28th which will reference some risk management strategies across a variance of municipal services.
- Agencies should begin to discuss and outline strategies which can protect existing resources into the future of the COVID work environment as well as the post-COVID work environment. Subject matter can include explaining the types of financial impacts which departments have sustained and the economic loss created in the local area by cancelled events/programs/services.

- Legislative Representative Larry Springer will be present for the call on Monday, June 1st. This is an opportunity for us to engage with him and learn about information which is unfolding at his level. We can also learn how to best take part legislative level decisions.
- Snohomish County Parks and Recreation commented on the importance of developing a funding request plan. Many municipalities will compete for these dollars with other large departments such as Public Works agencies so it will be important to have these funding package requests ready to submit.

Meeting Adjourned 1:01pm

Respectfully Submitted
Emily Young
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