



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

Date: Thursday, June 25th
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1) Bathrooms in Parks. Who Has Them Open? What are your Cleaning Frequencies and How Did You Arrive at These Frequencies?

- The City of Federal Way expressed concern with restroom management. They have several sports complexes, play areas, and beach parks to manage and are wondering if there is a single standard for cleaning and frequency which covers all bathroom types.
- Some agencies have opened key bathrooms while keeping other locations closed.
- Some agencies have implemented Sani-Cans in lieu of opening their restrooms. In this scenario, the Sani-Cans are managed by the Sani-Can company.
- The City of Everett won't open restrooms until Phase III.
- Tacoma Parks clean their bathrooms once in the morning and once in the evening and are contracting out for a mid-day cleaning.
- The City of Kenmore is cleaning their restrooms three times per day.
- The City of Edmonds plans to open their restrooms in Phase III and will clean them twice a day.
- The Cities of Bothell and Shoreline Parks are cleaning their restrooms twice per day.
- At THPRD in Oregon, for outside renters (pickleball, tennis), they will provide portable toilets that the users pay for, clean, and hold the keys to.
- King County opened single stall outdoor bathrooms this week. The rest of their outdoor bathrooms will open in phase III. Restroom cleaning will occur daily. They are also adding Sani-Cans where they expect more visitors.
- Mercer Island Parks have opened select restrooms which are cleaned once per day. With limited staffing resources they have decided to keep some restrooms closed.

- Kenmore Parks are focused on installing exterior hand sanitizer stations.
- The City of Ellensburg Parks has opened their restrooms which are checked three times per day.
- The City of Sumner has portable toilets in all parks. They continue to be cleaned twice a week.

Discussion of the political pressures to open restrooms for the 4th of July weekend took place. If they are opened for the weekend, they will again be closed, and Sani-Cans will be removed once again. Many changes are anticipated to the usual offerings in parks during the 4th of July holiday. It was proposed that signage stating the agency/company responsible for maintaining the restrooms and the frequency in which they are being cleaned could assist with some issues. This increase in restroom cleaning is a CARES reimbursable cost, and likely the use of Sani-Cans as well.

2) Sport Field Rentals during Phase 2. Who is reserving and who is just allowing drop-in?

King County Parks started reservations/scheduling this week for small team practices. They are not offering to host games currently. Pierce County has started to do the same thing to manage participants through a registration process who are “dropping-in” anyways. Return to play documents are being managed by a template provided to the team and submitted to the recreation agency. This includes the team’s required safety plan. It is difficult to manage these fields currently as teams are organizing and recreating on fields and being non-compliant. It was discussed that the recent statewide mask guidance does not directly apply when actively exercising which includes active play. Agencies weighed in on their current sport field operations.

- The City of Issaquah is renting sports fields for practices and following all COVID19 requirements/guidance.
- The City of Kent's Athletic Complexes are still closed for organized recreation to control large group gatherings. They are seeing some community abuse in this area as individuals are hopping over barricade fences, etc. The City of Kent is allowing smaller group rentals by permit only and with social distance plans in place.
- The City of Burien is not planning to rent sports fields this year, as they cut irrigation and seasonal staff.
- The City of Lynnwood is currently renting fields in phase II. They plan to open fields for drop-in play in phase III.
- Pierce County is scheduling and permitting sport field use. Groups are submitting a return to play plan on how they will manage practice in alignment with Phase II guidance.
- The City of Redmond fields remain closed and are planning to open back up for rentals in phase III.
- The City of Issaquah is requiring that ballfield renters have a safety plan, but they are not collecting these plans from users. They do require a signed form acknowledging they will follow all COVID requirements.
- The City of Edmonds has updated all rental/user forms to define that the applicant agrees to have a safety plan and adhere to all safety guidelines in place at the time of the event/activity.

3) Summer Camps.

- a. Who is running summer camps?

- b. At what capacity will you run your camps? (new state guidance limit)
 - c. Do you anticipate running camps at financial loss?
 - d. What will be your last week of summer camps?
- The City of Quincy will begin to host camps on July 6th. They typically run camps at a financial loss in their area. They anticipate hosting 8 weeks of camps which will operate until school starts again. These camps will host 14 kids per group. They cannot utilize their school district area at this time which complicates things as they typically use the school fields to recreate.
 - The City of Issaquah has started day camps this week and they anticipate breaking even on their financial costs.
 - The City of Lynwood began their day camps this week. Their camp is outdoors, and they will only operate in very small group sizes. They will have 90 kids total but separated and dispersed across small pods.
 - The City of Lakewood will have 45 total camp participants and keep group sizes under 22 participants each. They anticipate breaking even on costs and their last week of camp will be August 10th-August 14th.
 - The City of Federal Way is operating day camps currently. They are staying with smaller group sizes. They are encouraging as much outside activity as possible. Their last week of camp is scheduled for August 24-28 and they anticipate breaking even on costs.
 - The City of Shoreline started camps this week. They increased fees to maintain the same cost recovery goals. They will have 15 camp groups at 8 kids per group. Masks will be required.
 - The City of Redmond is planning camps in phase III (July 13 - Aug 31) with cohorts of 8 kids each.
 - The City of Des Moines is doing a virtual Camp Khaos. Their staff created weekly themes, contests, and activities. They have also partnered with Skyhawks to get kids to the daily camps in Kent.
 - The City of Ellensburg will have 14 total youth, which is about 1/3 of their normal capacity. This is the maximum number of participants they can have while ensuring social distancing. They will run programs from July 6th to at least August 20th.
 - The City of Pullman will not exceed 18 total participants in their day camps. They plan to break even financially and hold their last week of camps on August 17th.
 - The City of Mountlake Terrace plans to start camp on June 29th with a maximum participant level of 22 per group including 2 staff. They will not operate field trips or buses.
 - The City of Puyallup will begin running camps beginning July 6th for a duration of 8 weeks. They will operate in small groups of 8 kids per group. They have two locations and will be capping their camp at 70 total kids.
 - The City of Burien is planning to start camps on August 3rd for a duration of 4 weeks. They will have a maximum participant level of 44 kids divided into groups of 9. They anticipate breaking even financially.

A request for language from the Governor's Office regarding phase III camp requirements was proposed. With this clear guidance, our recreation agencies can effectively state venue requirements. It will be important to re-train the community to adopt a model that fits phase III

guidelines since we may have to operate under phase III well into next year. Overnight summer camps are not considered likely this year.

4) DOH Updated Guidance on Child Care, Youth Development, and Summer Day Camps

- a. Group sizes should total no more than 22 people. This includes all children, youth, and adults.
- b. As a reminder, physical distancing, cohorts, hand hygiene, and other practices are essential in reducing the transmission of the virus.
- c. Removes play structure restrictions.
- d. Face covering guidance updated throughout.
- e. Guidance for cleaning outdoor areas added.

Discussion of the requirements of kids wearing facemasks took place. The consensus is that agencies are requiring masks to be worn when 6 feet of social distancing from another human isn't possible. Some agencies are always requiring their staff to be masked.

Kaboom has come out with recent recommendation for recreation play structures. Some parks are allowing their kids camps to recreation on play structures if they are not already overcrowded. Agencies are utilizing signage on play structures to depict crowding restrictions and maximum user amounts. Some agencies are basing this maximum user amount on the guidance from phase II which lists 5 people maximum. The below listed link was shared which provides further information on play structures.

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/92597/Reopening-FAQ-June22?bidId=WhileatthePlayground>.

5) Group share/Questions for the Group/Roundtable

- a. A lot of facilities questions. What makes sense to best capture this? Survey/Working Google Doc/On agenda as group?

Unsanctioned events are occurring in parks with high levels of non-compliance. Discussion took place regarding the management of these events when participants have no regard for current regulations and guidance. These types of events can cause destruction to the parks and become a battle to disseminate when staffing is low and law enforcement resources are being utilized elsewhere. Participants in these events are taking advantage of the lack of park staffing and choosing to operate/gather against all restrictions.

Meeting Adjourned 12:46

Respectfully Submitted

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