

## Julie Enea

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**From:** Tilde Karlsen  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Julie Enea  
**Subject:** Swim lessons and Water safety  
**Attachments:** 2019 Drowning Prevention Message From Govenor Gavin Newsom.pdf

Hi Julie,

Thank you so much for taking my call. I hope you can help getting swim lessons to be considered as essential.

Here are my reasonings:

Drowning is the 5th leading cause of accidental death in the country per the CDC.

In California drowning is the leading cause of injury related death among children under 5, with the majority in June, July and August, in backyard pools.

With summer approaching there should be a concern that an increasing amount of parents are going to have a hard time keeping their children out of their backyard pools, especially while working from home during shelter in place, and will either attempt to teach them themselves or hire inexperienced swim instructors.

This will be hard to control and should be a liability concern. As shelter in place drags on, my instructors are increasingly being contacted on social media by parents interested in having them teach in their backyards. I obviously don't allow for this due to liability reasons, also when not closed due to the virus.

With a swim school like mine, we offer private lessons by well-trained CPR and first aid certified instructors in a safe and sanitary environment. My pools are UV and carbon filtered saltwater serviced daily by a professional pool service, and the HVAC system takes in 100% outside air with no recirculation. While we would be able to provide social distancing and limited amount of people in each area, it is also important to note that chlorine kills the virus.

As May happens to be drowning prevention month, as the attached decree by Gavin Newsome informs, I'm hoping that the Ad Hoc Committee will consider this.

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Thank you, Tilde