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I have been listening to the zoom calls every Thursday and I'm appalled that most of the public concerns are not addressed in a productive way, other than "this is not allowed at this time".

Most of the time businesses in certain industries are not considered on an individual basis, but lumped in with larger structures that may be better known. As is the case with my business, where our private lessons are considered along side large public pools and aquatic parks, but in reality have nothing in common with them, other than taking place in a pool.

I am concerned that swim lessons are not allowed, especially since more and more people are taking matters into their own hands and are hiring people to teach their children in their own backyards. I see the posts every day on social media asking for recommendations for this, and while it is one of the reasons I opened my swim school 10 years ago in the first place, I'm concerned that this is not conducted in a professional and certified manner.

Drowning is the leading cause of death among children 5 years and younger in the US, so while all my swimmers that were close to being water safe now have to start over whenever lessons are allowed again, there are many many more that will not be safe roaming around their house and backyard pools.

I would like someone to consider why swim lessons are not considered essential?

Especially given the fact that there have been few to no cases of covid 19 for this age group, and furthermore since most of Europe now have opened up pools, gyms and playgrounds with no restrictions at all.

As we open the county and state more, I would like you to consider swim lessons, as they can be done with masks and some social distancing, while taking place completely covered in chlorinated water, which kills virus, including covid 19.

Lastly, why are we not allowed to make decisions based on true data from our county, and have to rely on the concerns of non-elected officials?

Thank you, Tilde