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Subject: FW: Pool Questions?

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Hi!

First I want to say thank you for opening the pools for lap swimming! My Members are so happy and it has been going really smoothly.

I do have a few questions I hope you can help me with or point me in the right direction: (I have read the FQ's but below either is contradicted or not answered)

- At the bottom of this email is the transcript from the June 5th meeting and it states that kids can do multiple camps now. Can you please confirm this is correct?
- When will "learn to swim" lessons be possible, in water lessons? I know that the swim schools have been talking about this and I was just wondering if there might be a date?
- Now that the guideline was changed to 1 person per 75 sq ft. It seems strange that I can have 24 people for social swimming in 1800 sq ft now, who just come an go, not a stable group and a kids camp cant have more than 12 kids in lanes in 3600 sq ft. Can you maybe explain so that I can explain it to the families?

I also would like to push for swim coaches to be able to work with multiple groups. As you can see from the photo below our coaches are so far from the kids, there is no close interaction at all. Its different from a soccer or baseball coach. Another thought, a lifeguard is at the same distance as a coach and they can stay with multiple groups, 4 hrs of working, and a coach can only be with one group a day. I know its hard to give an exception to a specific sport but swim coaches just have a totally different set up compared to other sports.



Thank you for reading my email!

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Dr. Farnitano encouraged everyone on the call to get tested. He said if 1/10 residents got a test this month, we would meet our testing goal, but we are testing less than half of our goal. People who have higher exposure should get tested more often.

He added that the County is trying to stay aligned with the rest of the Bay Area but is also adjusting for our own county's data indicators. He is looking to see how much flexibility there is to exceed the State limitations and said there is frequent debate. He is actively looking at swimming and outdoor dining. He is also looking to develop a timetable similar to San Francisco. For example, if our numbers continue to be stable, here's our reopening plan. He is hoping to have this timeline available tomorrow (June 5).

He explained that the attestations that have been filed were generally by counties having few cases and sparse population. Some counties have filed attestations based on capacity for testing vs. actual testing. He felt this makes the attestation less meaningful. Most Bay Area counties have not filed the attestation and currently cannot meet the criteria. Discussion is occurring regarding how much flexibility Bay Area counties may have to move forward without the attestation.

He then clarified that household support units up to 12 people can meet together outdoors to reduce risk.

He acknowledged the effects of the SIP, recession, financial strain, and virtual schools on people's stress levels. He reported an average of 100 suicides per year in Contra Costa, with 3 in May, down from 12 in April. He said the year over year change in number of suicides is not statistically significant. He reported that the number of psych emergency visits are fewer than this time last year but remain a concern to be tracked.

He explained that carpools are high risk but are allowed if part of a household support unit. He advised to wear masks and do everything possible to reduce the risk: facial coverings, distance, hand hygiene, not going out when feeling ill.

Camps for kids can be 12 or less kids in a stable group and are now open to any child. Continuous camps are ideal over shifting groups. Kids can now participate in more than one stable group.

Vice Chair Mitchoff concluded by saying that she hears the concerns of the business and faith communities but must balance with the wellbeing of the community. Imperial County is experiencing a surge due to international travel violations. The virus is still here.

Chair Andersen reiterated that we want to open up as quickly as is safely possible. We don't want to see a surge and then have to roll the recovery back, which would be even more devastating. We want to get to the new normal and it seems that people are willing to self-govern and live with the new normal. We expect people to make responsible decisions. She said that the Health Officer is working with hospitals to encourage testing for anyone who wants to be tested regardless of whether they are symptomatic.