



Following are notes taken from the 18 May CDC Teleconference. These notes are not all encompassing but will provide basic insight to the discussions.

Opening Remarks:

- Overview of speakers credentials

Dr. Grant Baldwin (community intervention & at risk task force)

- 89249 deaths in the U.S.
- Outbreaks in high-risk settings. LTC, Food industry, prisons, homeless shelters
- 1067 staff deployed to 105 cities.
- 10.25 Billions dollars going to jurisdictions within the next 5 days
- We collaborate closely with state, local and tribal communities.
- COVID-19 threat is not over as states ease restrictions.
- CDC is tailoring mitigation strategies to each community
- New resource docs on CDC website.. Decision tree, opening America plan

Dr. Jennifer Murphy (water, sanitation & hygiene team lead)

- Do not wear cloth based mouth coverings in the water
- Adequate supplies need to be available to promote good hygiene
- Guidance on Pool and aquatic facilities posted on CDC website.

Questions:

- Why are African Americans more vulnerable to COVID-19? Economic and social conditions tend to isolate people from resources. Increased levels of underlying medical issues.
- Face shield substitute for a mask? A cloth face mask is preferred by the CDC. Not considered medical grade. Face shields are used for protection from a splash or droplets. Should not be used as a substitute for the face mask. Face masks should not be used on children under two years of age or people having an asthma attack or some other respiratory issue. Face masks will become a social norm over time.
- Any special fabrics that should be considered? Cotton, t-shirts or bandanas.
- Should we continue to avoid group gatherings? Yes.. staying 6 feet away from each other. Not one mitigation works.. it is a layering of all the mitigation requirements.
- Supplies for going to the pool? Soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels etc..
- Indoor pools? Increased ventilation by fans, opening doors etc...
- Can pool toys be provided? Yes.... Pool noodles etc. as long as you are not sharing items that are difficult to clean.
- Should we remove diving boards? Probably any structure requiring climbing. But defer to pool management.
- Community pools and public facilities opening? Go the guidance provided on CDC website.
- Is a child with type 1 diabetes more vulnerable? Highly personal decision, but we know un-controlled underlying issues may put people at a higher risk. Test blood sugar and



- maintain proper levels. Children do not appear to be at higher risk. Kawasaki disease is a concern and being evaluated.
- Summer Camps? New document coming out soon. Social distancing is difficult.
- Fall Mass gatherings? We are monitoring community transmission and will make changes as appropriate.
- Can the virus survive on clothes and shoes? No documented transmission from clothing or shoes. Laundering clothing is important.
- Antibody tests.. is it reliable to determine employees immunity? Too soon to say antibody means immunity. CDC does not recommend antibody tests but recommends a viral test. Antibody should not be used as the sole source for making a decision on immunity, entering workforce etc.
- Any feedback on cleaning of tubes or rafts in water? Should be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Chlorinated water.. will this help disinfect rafts etc.? Need to stick to disinfecting items with high concentrated disinfectant. Chlorinated water is not strong enough.
- Hand rails? Need to be cleaned regularly. Whatever makes sense for your building based on number of people and traffic areas.