

Hello all,

I want to take a minute to reach out to address the modified Phase One business guidelines that were released recently which included indoor recreational water activities (indoor pools).

I have received a few emails asking if the pool will now be able to open sooner than the Phase 3 opening we were originally told. As excited as I am sure that everyone is, I want to make sure that we are all on the same page regarding re-opening.

As an agency the City of Bellevue has been preparing to re-open facilities based on the original four phase plan the governor laid out. This allows us to effectively disperse PPE and facility equipment as it becomes available. As I am sure you all understand, disinfectant, hand sanitizer and PPE (to name a few) are in high demand across the country. We need to make sure the pool has the supplies needed in order to open sooner than our original time planned for. We have also planned and are carrying out facility improvements at the pool as we have been closed in order to avoid the summer closure and address other items. At this time these improvements are underway.

While the guidelines released recently do state information for re-opening, they do not address several questions we still have regarding staff training and re-entry. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Department of Health and Labor & Industry for these guidelines. The guidelines also state a 25% occupancy instead of the 50% occupancy that Phase 3 allows for. This change will have to be taken into account when planning for re-opening.

All this being said, I want you all to know that we are eager to get the pool open but our timeline has been drastically changed. We have several key items that need to be finalized and approved before we can re-open. Tomorrow I will be reaching out to our administration, Department of Health, and the Red Cross to get all our ducks in a row.

I appreciate your patience with these new developments and understanding that we still have some work to do to determine a re-opening date. As soon as we have a firm re-opening date you will be notified.

Pat, Julie and I all appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this very unknown time in our efforts to best serve the City of Bellevue and its patrons.

Take care, and I will be in touch soon,

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