



Connecticut Swimming

Dear Connecticut Swimming,

The light is beginning to shine at the end of the tunnel and June 20TH looks to be the day where the light will be bright as we venture back to the pool. Absolutely great news. Before then, a great deal needs to be done by all as preparations are underway to re-start practices.

Here are a few items that I believe will be of benefit to all moving forward:

➤ **CT Swimming Town Hall – Tuesday, June 9 – 7pm via ZOOM**

The purpose to help and guide through the planning and preparation to re-open your facility and practices. On the call will be:

- ❖ Tom Avischious – USA Swimming – Senior Director, Team Services
- ❖ Jane Grosser – USA Swimming – Manager, LSC Services
- ❖ Jack Harder – American Red Cross – Aquatic Specialist

I strongly recommend all coaches and those laying the groundwork preparing action plans for practice protocols make themselves well versed with the USA Swimming Re-Opening Messaging and Planning Guidelines. If you have not already seen them, [Click here](#) to access.

State Guidelines will be made live Saturday, June 6 on the Department of Economic and Consumer Department (DECD) site under “Sector Guidelines.” It may be late in the day or evening when this occurs.. ANY general questions you may have regarding these guidelines, please email at:

CSIcommunityC-19@ctswim.org If I am unable to answer your questions, then I will put them together and get them answered. It was asked if we would be the clearing house if you will regarding any forthcoming questions.

- ❖ As a side note and to be perfectly clear, pools may open for **LIFEGUARD TRAINING ONLY** on June 10.

Additionally, I urge for the Head Coach and additional staff – coaches and facility employees to be on the call. The more that are educated and knowledgeable, the easier it will be for all when you begin practicing. This is aimed towards competitive swimming only and not swim lessons, diving, water polo or free swim.

Pre-Registration through CT Swimming’s FAST system is required. Once registered, you will receive the ZOOM meeting information.

- Please let us know how many will be on the call with you that may not have access to register on FAST (e.g. Facility and/or Town Employees)
- Questions regarding planning guidelines, etc. prior to the Town Hall would be appreciated. Please submit to: CSIcommunityC-19@ctswim.org

I felt the above information is of great importance and wanted to get out to you all ASAP. I will be sending another letter in the next few days regarding Connecticut Swimming Stimulus Program with what we look to assist all clubs with and what we need to understand what is needed for the requiring financial help to re-open.

In closing, this is exciting to know we will be able to get back in the pool. More importantly, you all understand the undertaking on your end to be prepared to offer a safe and healthy environment for your swimmers.

Please register for the Tuesday’s Town Hall Meeting and do your reading.
See you all Tuesday!

Ellen Johnston
General Chair
Connecticut Swimming