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Hello everyone,

1. Since the Unified Government decided to go with the State of Kansas plan, here is the information as it stands today. The phases will last a minimum of 2 weeks and progress to the next phase only when the metrics for each phase are met, per the Governor and/or the Unified Government Public Health Officer. We will keep you informed as we go forward with regard to movement to the next phase(s). Please refer to Governor Laura Kelly's "**Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas**" document referenced here: <https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reopen-Kansas-Framework-v6.2-5.19.20.pdf>. This document describes the phases and the maximum number of individuals allowed at a swimming pool, per phase (see pages 18, 24 and 29).
2. **Social distancing** is a key component in preventing the spread of COVID19. The public should be asked to respect 6-foot social distancing from others (except those in their party) with **only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity**. See # 8 regarding signage.
3. **Pools with lifeguards:** Lifeguards may only perform the duties of a lifeguard. Counting people, enforcing social distancing and cleaning/sanitizing are not allowed while on duty watching the swimmers in the pool.
4. **Phase 1.5: No pools are allowed to be open during this phase.**
5. **Phase Two: No pools are allowed to be open during this phase.**
6. **Phase Three:** When advancement to phase three is approved by Governor Kelly, and Unified Government chooses to stay with the state's schedule, pools may open with mass gatherings of no more than 45 individuals allowed.
7. **Phase Out:** When advancement to phase out is approved by Governor Kelly, and Unified Government chooses to stay with the state's schedule, pools may open with up to the number of people that can safely occupy the area inside the pool enclosure while still practicing social distancing. It will be up to each pool owner/operator to determine how many people will safely fit inside the pool enclosure.
8. **Signage:** Signage is required at each entrance to the pool stating: "Maintain 6-foot social distancing between parties". It will be up to each pool owner/operator to

determine how many people will safely fit inside the pool enclosure. The sign does not have to be fancy or commercially made. (See attachment to this email).

9. **Cleaning and Sanitizing:** According to the CDC, frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and sanitized. Please use the links below to use as guidance for developing your cleaning plan.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/Reopening_America_Guidance.pdf

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

As always, the pools must be properly adjusted. Chlorine concentrations must be between **1-5 ppm** in pools and **2-5 ppm** in spas. The pH must be adjusted from **7.2-7.8** in all pools and spas.

The decision to open your pool(s) during Phase 3 and beyond **is up to ownership of each pool**. If you do decide to keep your pool closed for the season, Please notify our office by email at EHS@wycokck.org.

Please consult industry guidance for information regarding lifeguard training and swimming lessons.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

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