

To: External Agencies Requesting Use of PUSD Aquatic Facilities

From: Tim Oelgoetz, PUSD Aquatics Coordinator

Re: Expectations and Guidelines for all PUSD Aquatic Facilities

Thank you for your years of partnership in providing community aquatic programs through the PUSD facilities use programs. As the new District Aquatics Coordinator I would like to share with you renewed expectations for our facilities, as well as the role you and your coaching staff will play in helping to achieve them.

It is my belief that the community needs to be able to utilize the pools to the greatest extent possible. In addition to scheduling PE classes during the school year, I'm also responsible for scheduling our athletic programs who use the pool in the afternoon, specifically boys' and girls' water polo along with our swim/dive teams. When their activities conclude each pool is then available for external rentals, typically from 6:30-9:00 pm Monday-Friday along with an occasional weekend. These evening practices, however, are the most difficult for our lifeguard staff to cover.

As a result, starting July 1, 2020, we will be requiring all external agencies requesting use of PUSD aquatic facilities to provide American Red Cross Lifeguard Certifications for all coaching staff members who will be using the facility. These ARC Lifeguard Certifications, along with your organization's proof of insurance, must be sent to the district office for approval as well as uploaded as an attachment to your Facilitron reservation request.

Requiring all external agencies to provide this information as part of their facility request will give us the capability to allow more evening and weekend practices for your group. These external coaching staffs will now assume the responsibility for the safety of their athletes. Regularly scheduled PUSD lifeguards will soon be a thing of the past.

The external agency will be responsible for the facility outside of our normal operating hours. Since a district provided lifeguard will not be on duty, you will be given a list of expectations for the facility as well as the role you play in achieving them. This list will cover opening and closing procedures, general procedures, first aid, lifeguard equipment, pool office rules, and any other pertinent information. You may be responsible to open and close (lock-up) the facility.

I am hopeful we can build a partnership with all of our external agencies and our pool staffs so that our facilities are always maintained and operated in a consistent manner. More specific information will be coming in the next few months. In the meantime, if you have any general questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

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