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Poplar Heights Recreation Association

Dear Poplar Heights Community,

I wanted to bring you up to speed on a meeting that I participated in Thursday night with over 25 current presidents of Northern Virginia pools. The conversation consisted of the following topics:

- General approach to the 2021 season as we know it today
- Briefing on discussion with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
- Open discussion about the following topics:
 - Guests
 - Snack bars

The general consensus from the majority of the participants is that given the current conversations and briefing from the VDH and the fact that the CDC's comments on the reduced risk in pool environments, that at a minimum they plan on proceeding as they did last year. There were about a dozen pools who felt that they would go beyond last year, with general pool occupancy, tables, locker rooms, etc. but would still require 6 feet of social distancing.

The VDH representative spoke about the potential to still require some restrictions but were uncertain as to what those would be. They did speak of the fact that there continues to be swimming at many of the local facilities to

include, Yorktown, Oak Marr, Providence, etc. and some are even hosting swim meets with no known spread issues.

The VDH representative said that they hope to have their revised restrictions in April, but said that "it is fluid".

I plan to include this issue on the agenda of the next board meeting on April 6th. As of today, and barring a deterioration in conditions, I expect that at a minimum our season will look like last year and I hope we can do better.

Sincerely,

Marc DeLuca

PHRA board president