

Swimming Contingency Group – October 7, 2020 6:30-7:30pm

Peter Weber reviewed the purpose of the contingency groups and the continued conversations happening around the state. There are no new documents to review, but the Governor did indicate that there may be a review of the metrics and there may be some changes to them to allow more schools to engage in person.

In our swimming contingency group, we began by reviewing some considerations and processes happening in other states. Alaska doing virtual meets, Idaho is doing virtual meets and looking at NFHS considerations to see what they need to do to hold a meet. Sandy Searcy will be doing a survey finding out what all of the states are doing for swimming.

If virtual and on their own facility, could a school who is in CDL be able to compete? Looking to Governor's office to make sure that is acceptable. We reviewed USA Swimming considerations for virtual meets and some of the scheduled meets that are virtual as well. Most facilities can have more strict regulations than the US Swimming protocols.

Getting kids use to the cultural change and requirements and protocols could help when we get to Season 2. Virtual meets to run duals throughout the season and maybe the qualifiers and see what we can do to have a state championship in person. Challenge would be having them done at different facilities. Whatever we do, the culminating events need to be equitable as much as possible.

Transportation could be a challenge, especially if the pools are not on campus. Will schools be willing to pay the extra transportation costs? Or even have enough bus drivers to drive the extra-curricular activities?

Some questions and considerations that came up including the following: When do these decisions need to be made? Would there be a consideration for moving the swimming season into another season later in the year? If we go virtual for the State Meets, what does that look like for Qualifying meets? Virtually or in person, the District Meet Considerations are an important piece to help determine the Culminating events. Are there going to be thresholds created for a competitions or a state championship to take place?

Our coaches need to also be prepared for kids not being in the same condition physical condition as last year. There may need to be some breaks/times between events just to help the competitors.

Next meeting: Our next meeting is TBD, most likely November 4th possibly at 5pm. K.T. will confirm the time and date in coming weeks.