

## Lake Erie Swimming Official

Is Meeting  
May 3, 2020

### Attendance

Badertscher, Sharon

Bailey, Alexandra

Bare, Julie

Baylor, Lori

Brady, Hilary

Brown, David

Burns, Branden

Butler, Jennifer

Campbell, Frank

Christensen, John

Davis, Gregory

Eaton, Anna

Finnerty, James

Gullett, Heidi

Hertz, David

Jones, Sean

Jones, Thomas

Kimak, Damon

Klem, Roderick

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Kominek, Allan

Kunsman, Charles

Lin, Ai Lan

Marshfield, Mark

Martens, Robert

Ptak, Joshua

Rice, James

Sherry, James

Shiller, Paul

Skavnak, Philip

Slivinski, Dale

Sokolich, Michael

Starrett, James

Tobin, Sarah

Torok, Katriona

Van Almen, Robert

Veto, Nancy

Votaw, Crystal

Whelan, Karla

Williams, George

Wohlfeil, David

Wohlfeil, Jodie

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## Updates

- New store for USA swimming ([www.usaswimmingbrandstore.com](http://www.usaswimmingbrandstore.com))
- Lake Erie swimming polos  
(<http://www.lakeerieswimming.com/Polo%20order%20form.pdf>)
- Online Testing is open for 2020 - Remember to do this  
([www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing](http://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/officials-online-testing))
- Background checks must stay updated - this is all online
- Lake Erie Officials website link - <http://www.lakeerieswimming.com/officials.htm>
- Referees make sure that you are entering teaching and learning activities in the OTS
- New events calendar for Nov 2020-June 2021: new regional events in mid to late August  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/news-landing-page/2020/04/27/usa-swimming-events-updated>

## Covid Taskforce -Branden and Lori

- Possible way to separate people:
  - Athletes separated from Coaches
  - Athletes and Coaches separated from officials
  - Officials masked
  - Long course has been pushed to August and Sept and now butt up against short course
  - What does hospitality look like?
  - Will we see meets without spectators?
  - Will there be more apprentices?
  - Will we have more smaller meets? Do we have enough officials for that?
  - Everyone host their own meet, 2 officials per meet?
  - Water fountains have been turned off
  - USA swimming 5/4/2020 Return to the Pool:  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8SgFiyOeRBaRhn77hfJ6hw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8SgFiyOeRBaRhn77hfJ6hw)
  - Chuck Kunsman: LoC leadership has been meeting on weekly basis with USA swimming officials. Look for an update in mid-May about whether meets will open. They may not open up sanctioned meets until most of the country is opened to keep the playing field leveled.
  - Schools facilities are not to be opened until June 30, 2020 although this might change.
  - Sarah Tobin: LESD is postponing Holtry and Budbey, may be in late August/Sept depending on pool availability. Then season opener in October?
  - General Question: Any guidelines on summer league meets? Twinsburg cancelled rec league.
  - Bob: No meets before the end of May, he is in contact with Chuck who is in contact with USA officials.

- The signups are still available for officials to log their availability this summer:
- Branden: Officials might want to consider donating their time as teams are losing revenue.
- Thomas: SwimSwam opened up with 1 swimmer per lane, no use of locker rooms
- Sarah: Link to USA Swimming new regulations  
[https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32\\_2](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32_2)
- Chuck and Branden: Restrict family at meets, Parents still need access, but might be possible to minimize the number of family attendees
- Lori: Considerations: Ages on the swimmers, different regulations per age group? Someone taking temperatures? Sanitizing surfaces?

Heidi Gullett: Medical Director for Cuyahoga County Public Health since 2013, medical doctor

- COVID-19 is a long term issue, until a vaccine, which is a long way away
- Expect a seesaw in the flow of cases over the next foreseeable future
- Multi-generational gatherings must be addressed
- Surges may and will happen, but to keep it below capacity with the health care facility
- She is still seeing 30 or so cases per day
- Stay at home order until end of May. Nothing can be done until a stay at home order is removed
- We must be intentional about how we reopen
- There are pediatric protocols available already in other areas, also for restricting people. Use these prototypes and adapt to our use.
- Local restrictions might increase at certain times
- Not sure about athletics in the fall. Hard to model this right now without more testing.
- Not much of a difference between outdoor and indoors, still transmission greater than 6 ft.
- Here is the most recent ODH order re: stay at home too that also includes language around pools, etc.
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Stay-Safe-Ohio-Order.pdf>
- Follow her: <https://twitter.com/hgullett?lang=en>
- Email: [heidi.gullett@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.gullett@gmail.com)

#### Testing - Recertification Tests (Not Certification)

Referee test for referee or referee/admin

Admin- take admin

Starter - taker starter test

Stroke&Turn - take just the stroke and turn