



## Potomac Valley Swimming Update - Friday, May 29, 2020

This week, USA Swimming and the USA Swimming Foundation awarded more than \$1.4M to the 317 clubs that applied for the Phase 1 grants. The Foundation has pledged another \$1.5M for Phase 2 grants. That application process will kick off in mid June. Between the 59 LSCs in USA Swimming and the USA Swimming Foundation, nearly \$10M has been distributed or promised to help clubs stay in business during this pandemic.

I want to thank those that took the time to attend the PVS Virtual Town Hall on Wednesday evening. If you couldn't make it, you can watch a recording at:

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/pvVUFLKg9CBOQbfA2k7nRas7J4Pdeaa8gCQbq\\_IFzkqglh0rmwD3lm4gFAZ9oV7o](https://zoom.us/rec/share/pvVUFLKg9CBOQbfA2k7nRas7J4Pdeaa8gCQbq_IFzkqglh0rmwD3lm4gFAZ9oV7o) Password: 2x^\*#A\$U

If you'd like to view a copy of the presentation, it is available on the [PVS website](#).

It is good news that some of the outdoor pools in our area are opening beginning today. Our hope is that more of them will be open in the coming weeks. Check with your club as to when/where they will have access to begin swimming. Know that strict limits at the pools will limit the amount of time in the water for all of the athletes. But, after two months off, starting back slowly is a good thing.

As the athletes begin to have access to swimming, please strictly follow the procedures developed by your club based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health departments. You may not like the requirements or restrictions, but they are necessary to keep all of us (coaches, athletes and their families) safe. A lot of work has gone into getting the local jurisdictions to allow the swimming pools to open. Let's show those in charge that competitive swimming is the sport that's doing it right.

You may have heard of a national lobbying effort, backed by many Olympic athletes and coaches is being led by a PVS parent. You can read about the story on [SwimSwam](#) and [Swimming World](#).

Our neighbors in the Allegheny Mountain, Middle Atlantic, and New Jersey LSCs have been lobbying the governors of PA and NJ to allow their pools to re-open. Today they made it onto [Fox News](#).

The PVS Board and I are ready to help and are as anxious as you to resume swimming activities. I am always available for your questions and comments.

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