



## **Potomac Valley Swimming Update – Friday, August 7, 2020**

While many of our athletes have been able to practice this summer, even at reduced levels, some clubs have still not been able to gather for practice. The DC government has kept all pools (outdoor and indoor) closed all summer with no timeline for reopening. That means the our DCPR athletes and coaches have still not been able to practice as a team. Please show your support for them by signing this [petition to the DC Mayor](#).

As we continue to return to practice, it is extremely important that we follow local health guidelines and the protocols developed by the clubs and facilities. If you have symptoms, please stay away from practice until you have been tested. If you have been exposed to someone at home or in your community, please stay away from practice until you've tested negative per the protocols. Missing a practice or two is not going to affect your long term development. Causing a training group or a facility to shutdown for a period of time because you came to practice with the virus is not fair to your teammates.

PVS is working with our clubs to get facilities to allow practice at greater capacity. It takes time and the most important thing is the long term health of our members. Trying to get a qualifying time for X,Y or Z meet is not nearly as important.

PVS will have meets when the local health departments determine that it is safe to do so and facilities allow group gatherings.

I am always available and welcome your questions and comments. Stay safe! Stay healthy! And, wear your mask.

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PVS supports and promotes excellence for all through competition, education, innovation and leadership.