



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

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Restaurants and Entertainment Task Force

May 27, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 2:02 p.m.

Task Force Members:

- Edgar "Dook" Chase
- Stan Harris
- Dennis Lauscha
- Corey Wilson
- Verge Ausberry
- Roman Banks
- Randy Barrios
- Alana Belton
- Jay Cicero
- Larry Connor
- Tommy Cvitanovich
- Perry Eastman
- Ron Foreman
- Ron Forman
- Nick Hazard
- David Hearn
- Stephen Hightower
- Robert King
- Damien Lewis
- Matt Massey
- Shane Morrison
- Dr. Catherine O'Neal
- Dr. David "Rusty" Ponton
- Peter Sclafini
- Missy Setters
- Ike Spears
- Chris Stelly
- Scott Taylor
- Doug Thornton
- Brad Watts
- Emery Whalen
- Camille Whitworth

- **Roll Call & Greetings**
 - Roll was called and a quorum was present.
 - Sec. Pierson reminded the task force that their report is due on June 12. Guidelines were sent prior to this meeting.
- **Review & Approval of the Minutes of the Prior Task Force Meeting**
 - The minutes from the 5/20/20 meeting was posted for review. Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the 5/20/20 Task Force Meeting were unanimously approved.
- **Review of Resilient Louisiana Commission Guidelines**
 - Stan Harris reviewed the guidelines document for the Resilient Louisiana Commission and its Task Forces.
- **Working Group Reports**
 - Larry Conner – No updates at this time, but will assist with information for the report.
 - Shane Morrison – Not much product at this time therefore, no new reports, but would like to get with Dennis in regards to Phase II & III. A lot of efforts have been on live entertainment counterparts.
 - Dennis Lauscha – Not much to update. Will be working on our portion for the report. Happy to help or share any best practices to those who need.
 - Corey Wilson – Presentation from the Aquatics Group will be coming up shortly. That is our only update at this time. We will be compiling our information for the report as well.
 - Nick Hazard – Bars, Music & Entertainment Venues Sub Group met yesterday morning. Most bar owners feel discriminated against, but everyone was reminded that during the dialogue that this is an opportunity to give recommendations. Laws cannot be changed, which was an issue on the call. Texas is the best comparable state. We would like the bars to re-open in Phase II. There are challenges within individual parishes. The bars feel left out due to being labeled as a high risk category. They are hoping to speak with the Fire Marshall to have it reconsidered to be moderate risk, just as restaurants are. Recommendations will be sent to Stan Harris to include in the reports as well.
 - Stan Harris – We would like specific recommendations that can help everyone statewide without requesting law changes. On Monday, “Thrive” program went out. This is a learning system on LRA.org that can be used for staff in restaurants. Would like to share this with as many people as possible.
- **Guest Presentation**
 - Rob Dowie (SELA Aquatics) – gave a report on the Aquatics Sub-Working Group recommendations. Composed a sub group of many professionals to compile recommendations, since all pools cannot be lumped together and open at the same time. Hoping to be included in Phase II. It will be recommended that all CDC regulations will be followed. Properly treated water can kill the virus. The main concern would be the deck and spacing.
 - Lap Swimming & Swim Teams – already in process. The Contact intensity is low, as well as number of contacts. The modification potential is high due to coaches, etc. to assist.

- Water Aerobics & Therapy – The Contact intensity is low, as well as number of contacts. The modification potential is high due to teachers, etc. to assist.
- Private/Semi Private Swim Lessons – This is high contact due to one on one with teacher and student; however, number of contacts is low and modification is high due to smaller group. Recommendations would be to allow this with modification.
- Group Swim Lessons – The contact is high, number of contacts is medium due to full classes and modification potential is medium due to higher number of people involved. We feel this should be postponed until further notice. It would be possible to recommend for Phase II or III.
- Advanced Swim Lessons - The Contact intensity is low, as well as number of contacts. The modification potential is high due to teachers, more experienced swimmers, etc. It would be recommended for this to open in Phase II.
- Organized Rec Swimming – This was divided into 2 portions – Organized and Congregate. The Contact intensity is medium, as well low number of contacts. The modification potential is high due to a schedule in place, staff members to assist, modify open swim. Signage will need to be present. Spacing at check in areas, designated entry and exit, designated crowd manager that is not the lifeguard, all minors should be accompanied by an adult, where possible use a reservation system, additional staff, etc.
- It is our recommendation to reopen organized recreational swimming in Phase II. A certain amount of deck space between patrons, including when the pool is vacated. It will be a recommendation to outline how many patrons in the pool per square footage as there is currently no law on this. Consider a rule about adults staying near and watching their children.
- Open Swim/Play Swim – The contact intensity is medium, as well as number of contacts and modification potential is low. It will not be recommended that these open in Phase II, as these environments are not able to be controlled. Water is also not guaranteed to be treated.
- Stan Harris – Any questions for Rob?
 - Larry Conner – Disinfecting surrounding areas? What are the thoughts on that?
 - Rob Dowie - In order to be opened, the guidance is to clean all high touch points. The pool area themselves being exposed to sunlight and to the treated pool water does help. But all areas, such as chairs, etc. will need to be cleaned regularly. We as an industry does want to do this right and not have anyone violate the rules.
 - Rusty Ponton – What about college or university pools?
 - Rob Dowie – Nothing currently due to them being considered a fitness area or rec center. So, they would fall under a different sector. That would involve athletes and students when they come back.

- Sec. Kimberly Robinson – What about hotel pools? Would hotels need to implement a gating system or how should they be considered?
 - Rob Dowie – We have not considered hotel pools at this time. As there is no staff assigned to the pool itself, this would need to be reviewed separately. HOA pools tend to have guests that know each other and have higher chance of contact, but at hotels you are likely not going to get close to strangers. This will be something I will look into and pass along the information to include in the report.
- **New Business**
 - Stan Harris reminded guests of requests for the following groups:
 - Small restaurants or related businesses. He asked that anyone from the task force who is interested in running this group to email him or resilientlouisiana@la.gov.
 - Request from the IT & Communications Task Force for 2-3 members from our task force to join in an interview and provide information on the industry's needs. Only one person has volunteered so far. If anyone would like to participate in this please email Stan or resilientlouisiana@la.gov.
- **Solicitation of Public Questions**
 - Mark Schettler – Has there been any clarity on bars being able to re-open like restaurants?
 - Stan Harris – As noted by Sec. Kimberly and discussed earlier, we need to review and provide recommendations to the Task Force and then to the RLC. Please send any information you would like reviewed and included to us.
 - Question in chat – Can EBT's be used in small markets?
 - Sec. Kimberly Robinson – This was not recently included in the Cares Act. It is still in the ask. We will continue to push the issue in hopes to make it available to those with Snap benefits to use them in restaurants. There will also be a new provider coming in. The Senate comes back the first week in June and we will see what is said next week.
 - Mark Schettler – Any update on the bill regarding restaurant and hospitality. HEROES Act? PPE fix? 50/50?
 - Stan Harris – It is in the US Congress at present but there is no bill update at this time.
- **Date of Next Meeting**
 - Tentatively set for June 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Adjourn**
 - The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.