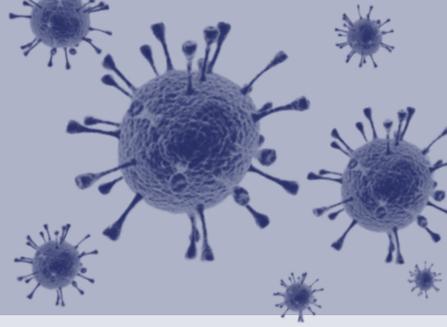


PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH



PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

May 21, 2020

Dear Delaware County Community,

Thank you all so very much for all you have done these past few months to help protect your loved ones and neighbors! This has been a challenging time for all of us and I could not be more proud of the way Delaware County residents have reacted to this disruption of normal life.

In Delaware County, we continue to see new cases of COVID-19 and the Health District continues to monitor hundreds of residents that are currently in isolation or quarantine. Because we are continuing to see the number of cases go up, along with our duty to protect the health and safety of our community, **I am recommending that our pool owners/operators consider delaying or not opening for the 2020 season.** This is not a recommendation that I take lightly, as I know how much our community enjoys gathering for this type of respite and recreation, but the protection of public health must take precedence.

Again, thank you so much for everything you continue to do to help protect each other. Your support is greatly appreciated as we navigate these uncharted waters and I have complete faith in our community that we will make it successfully to the other side of this pandemic.

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Health Commissioner