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April 30, 2024

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Dr. Cohen,

On behalf of the CMAHC Board of Directors, I am pleased to report that the CMAHC member voting on change requests updating the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) has been completed and reviewed by the Board. In total, 201 change requests were submitted for the MAHC. Of these change requests, 114 received an "Adopt" recommendation by membership, 70 received a "Do Not Adopt" recommendation, 11 were deemed to be Editorial in nature and not subject to voting, and 1 change request received a tie vote from membership.

All change requests, Technical Review Committee (TRC) evaluations and, where applicable, Technical Support Committee evaluations may be found at https://cmahc.org/change_requests. This data includes both the raw voting tallies and the weighted votes.

Per the Board of Directors meeting on April 26, 2024, a 2016 decision by the CMAHC Board will be applied to the voting results. This decision requires a 60% voting percentage for change requests to be adopted into the MAHC. This voting requirement results in a recommendation from the CMAHC Board of Directors that CDC not accept the following change requests:

CR# 4.7.1.10.5 Vote % Received: 57.4

This CR would modify the flow turndown system to a performance based system.

5.7.3.1.1.5 Vote % Received: 55.8

This CR would modify the upper operating range of pool disinfectants.

CR# 5.12.2-0001 Vote % Received: 58.7

This CR requires a person stationed at the top of a slide who is responsible for operation and dispatch, and a qualified lifeguard to be posted at the end of the slide.

CR# 5.12.7-0001 Vote % Received: 47.4

This CR requires a bulkhead to be 100% visible to the lifeguard station. The BOD wishes to express significant concerns with this CR as the requirement to see 100% of the space underneath the bulkhead is a) not in alignment with other MAHC sections regarding surveillance by lifeguards, and b) it is not technically defensible

CR# Chapter 7 – 0001 Vote % Received: 58.3

This CR would add language regarding the design, construction, and operation of Surf Venues.

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On behalf of the CMAHC Board of Directors, CMAHC staff and volunteers, and CMAHC membership, I would like to thank CDC for its support and we look forward to working together in the future in our shared efforts to support and update the MAHC, support our nation's public health officials, and work together towards healthy and safe swimming for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristie".

Kristie Riester
Executive Director