

COVID-19 and Model Aquatic Health Code developments

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Presentation Abstract

Michelle will highlight the key prevention strategies used in the US, share lessons learned, and discuss how public health and aquatics can prepare for public health emergencies in the future. She will also consider the possible changes likely to be included in the CDC's Model Aquatic Health Code when the 5th edition is published (due to be in 2021) in particular the key proposed change requests, debates around them, and voting results.