

MCA Outreach Timeline for COVID-19

March: COVID-19 State of Emergency Declared

- MCA serves as central hub for COVID guidance from CDC and other federal agencies
- COVID related conversations begin with MDPH re: summer camp concerns
- ACA/YUSE partners with EH&E to begin drafting summer camp guidance to be used by the CDC and state DPH
- MCA/TSG joins other summer camp leaders (including Hale, Alliance of YMCAs, Boys and Girls Club, JCC/JCRC, Mass Audubon) on weekly zoom calls to craft a comprehensive strategy
- TSG raises the alarm that summer camp must operate with the DPH Chief of Staff and Lt. Governor
- TSG learns that guidance will be drafted in coordination/oversight by EEC
- TSG has daily conversations with EEC field re: summer camp -- encouraging DPH to remain as the regulator
- TSG weekly conversation with DESE re: summer camp -- educating DESE on DPH's role as regulator

April:

- TSG communicates directly with the Summer Camp/Youth Programming Interagency Task Force which includes EEC, DPH and DESE on specific summer camp guidance
- TSG has daily conversations with EEC field re: summer camp -- encouraging DPH to remain as the regulator
- TSG weekly conversation with DESE re: summer camp -- educating DESE on DPH's role as regulator
- TSG has weekly conversations with DPH re: summer camp guidance
- TSG directs the weekly summer camp leadership calls to move the strategy forward and maintain pressure on critical decision makers using the summer camp leadership network

May:

- TSG drafts Summer Camp Industry Reopening Advisory Board letter and coordinates sign-on campaign to include MCA, ACANE, JCC/JCRC, Y Alliance, Boys and Girls Club, Mass Audubon, and Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association
 - Letter sent directly to Members of the Reopening Advisory Board including co-chairs Lt. Governor Polito and Secretary Keneally; EOHED Chief of Staff and

Legislative Staff; EOHHS Acting Secretary; EOHHS Legislative Staff; DPH Chief of Staff; Advisory Staff in the Command Center and Gov. Baker's office

- TSG drafts Summer Camp Concern letter re: lack of Phase 2 guidance and coordinates sign-on campaign to include MCA, ACANE, JCC/JCRC, Y Alliance, Boys and Girls Club, Mass Audubon, and Massachusetts Recreation and Parks Association
 - Letter sent directly to Members of the Reopening Advisory Board including co-chairs Lt. Governor Polito and Secretary Keneally; EOHEd Chief of Staff and Legislative Staff; EOHHS Acting Secretary; EOHHS Legislative Staff; DPH Chief of Staff; Advisory Staff in the Command Center and Gov. Baker's office
- TSG has daily conversations with EEC field re: summer camp -- encouraging DPH to remain as the regulator
- TSG has ongoing conversation with DESE re: summer camp -- educating DESE on DPH's role as regulator
- TSG has ongoing conversations with DPH re: summer camp guidance
- TSG facilitates Legislative strategy for Phase 2 guidance release and financial impact including outreach to House Reopening Advisory Committee; Senate Child Care Reopening Advisory Committee, Senate Economic Recovery Committee, Senate Leadership, House Leadership

June:

- Phase 2 Guidance Released on June 1
- Feedback on guidance communicated directly with DPH via daily conversations, emails, and Zoom to express concerns and request changes including Massachusetts resident staff and camper restriction, mask wearing, emergency space requirements, among other things
- TSG facilitated a call with EOLWD General Counsel re: out-of-state resident/camper restrictions who communicated with DPH, Command Center, EOHEd, Governor's Team
 - Restriction was removed within 48 hours
- TSG has daily conversations with EEC field re: summer camp -- encouraging DPH to remain as the regulator
- TSG has ongoing conversation with DESE re: summer camp -- educating DESE on DPH's role as regulator
- TSG has ongoing conversations with DPH re: ongoing summer camp guidance
- TSG facilitates Legislative strategy for Phase 3 guidance release and Financial Impact including outreach to House Reopening Advisory Committee; Senate Child Care

Reopening Advisory Committee; Senate Economic Recovery Committee; Senate Leadership; House Leadership

- TSG maintains pressure on DPH for Phase 3 Guidance for day camp and overnight and provides field feedback
- TSG has regular communication with DPH, Lt. Governor's office and Legislative Members to pressure the Administration to release Phase 3 guidance in advance of Phase 3 reopening
 - Outreach to LG from Senator Hinds re: overnight camp guidance
- June 30th conversation with Secretary Sudders re: overnight camp - highlighted testing, bubble, children's safety and adhering to EH&E health and safety guidelines to safely operate this summer

July:

- July 1st meeting with Lily Zarella (LG Deputy Chief of Staff), Jenna Borkoski (Cabinet Liaison), Jana Ferguson (DPH Assistant Commissioner), Lexi Dellaquila (LG Special Operations) re: Phase 3 day camp operations and overnight camp operations
- July 2nd email from Secretary Sudders confirming that overnight camp would not operate this summer 30 minutes before Governor Baker presser
- July 2nd overnight camps are moved to Phase 4 (Summer 2021) online (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-when-can-my-business-reopen#recreation-&-outdoors->)
- July 3rd email from Jana Ferguson explaining decision: "While we were planning and progressing with the hope that overnight camps would be a safe option for youth this summer, my understanding is that the data, especially from other states within the last week or so, made overnight camps with children and staff that may be coming from all over the country untenable."
 - Scott reiterated that overnights camps would have limited geography of campers and staff
- Week of July 5-7 overnight camp press: Boston Globe article attached
- July 16th call with Jana Ferguson and DPH staff re: Phase 3 day camps and overnight camp closures – no change from Administration's position
- ***July 24th meeting with Lt. Governor, Lily Zarella (LG Deputy Chief of Staff), Jana Ferguson (DPH Assistant Commissioner) lead by ACA (Scott Brody, Mark Benerofe and Ozzie Palomo) re: residential camp in Phase 4