



PRPS Virtual Roundtable

May 13, 2020

Summer Camp Discussion

Resources

Summer Camp Google Doc: Don't forget to update your status on the Google doc. See what other agencies are doing! Contacts for the group now added to the Google Doc, please feel free to go in and update your info!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q8Ob1Z_zcWcAjT5gMOXQS7Vazxg172icb3IQPR7pfY0/edit?usp=sharing

Governor Wolf's FAQ's: <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553495/UPDATED-8-45-PM-May-11-2020-Life-Sustaining-Business-FAQs>

Leaked CDC Guidance: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6883734-CDC-Business-Plans.html>

Social Distancing Game Ideas: <https://www.asphaltgreen.org/blog/rep-it-out-games-for-social-distancing>

Thermometers: https://onnrns.com/collections/shop/products/no-touch-forehead-thermometer-limited-stock-tmp451520?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=PA-0507&utm_term=4588124584108152&utm_content=TM

<https://shopinspiretrends.com>

ACA: <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus-information-camps>

Chat Discussion

Beth, Dormont: We just cancelled the 1st four weeks and are limiting registration to 22 campers to follow guidelines in the green phase.

joellescholl: We would like to open once Lancaster County is in the Yellow Phase. We will make many modifications.

Autumn Arthur: Two of three of our sites are located in school district buildings and grounds. Those two sites are cancelled because the school district buildings will not be open. We are trying to determine a course of action for the third site, which is located on our own property. (Monroe County - still red phase)

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: Montgomery Twp - We cancelled our large Township camp. We are planning a smaller alternate camp program, should circumstances allow. Refunds have been issued to everyone, as the program we may be able to run is not the product parents registered and paid for.

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: 20 kids max if we hold it

Steve Brown: While we haven't cancelled in East Whiteland (Chester Co.) yet, my Board is a strong lean towards cancelling. They will likely decide tomorrow night. We are looking into virtual options.

Jane Delaney: Lower Providence Township- We cancelled our Summer Camp. Refunds are being issued to everyone this week.

Scott Cope: We talked to our insurance carrier and we are not covered should someone sue us

Autumn Arthur : For those planning to host "outside only" camps, what is your plan for inclement weather?

Cfrantz: cancel it

Kim: For anyone doing outside camps too--how are you handling the use of playground equipment while following guidelines

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: @Autumn - We have a pavilion, but quite honestly it will most likely be a policy in our information to parents and before registration that it is canceled due to inclement weather.

From Tyler-Twp of Upper St Clair:

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Ken: Today is deadline for recommendation to West Goshen Board of Supervisors. We will recommend cancellation, with the possibility of doing a limited 1 to 4-week program in July-August at one location instead of our usual three if Southeast PA changes to code yellow.

Nancy Opalka: we are planning outside camps as well and are thinking to offer T, W, Th with make-up days on Monday and Fridays.

Kim: **Will campers have to wear masks--does anyone know?**

Michele: **is anyone else being asked to run their program more like childcare than routine day camp?**

Beth, Dormont: Michele, I think you have to as interaction will be limited

Lo, Venture Outdoors: The major Pittsburgh Public Schools summer camp program has all moved to virtual, so we will be leading daily virtual "outdoor" lessons (Allegheny County - going yellow on Friday)

besterman: Darlene from North Fayette - **have you redesigned the liability waiver? Could you share with us all?**

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: If circumstances allow: Use a Township park with restrooms, and use those fields, bring some tables for stations, and enjoy an Art & Environmental based camp. Sports and playgrounds will be near impossible

Beth, Dormont: **Has anyone hve any information on what "Zones" are?**

Barbra Primavera - Northampton Township: Northampton Township is currently developing in-person options with a tentative start date for July 6 provided we are in the "green phase" one limited full day option with campers in small groups moving in pods and not interacting with each other, one 4-hour option, and possibly one fair weather, outdoor option offered Tu, W, and Thur

Anthony: Cheltenham Township should have their final decision tomorrow evening at the Board of Commissioners meeting on closing summer camp and pools.

Cristine Maser: We offer a summer playground program with 700 kids. I am trying to figure a plan to offer this program in 2 sites instead of 4 if permitted by the townships permission. We would need additional staff for cleaning and safety. With the additional staffing we will lose money. I am not sure if we will be able to offer the program with a financial loss. We would not have sufficient coverage in the event of severe weather, still working on that part.

Erica Genuardi: Norristown Municipality will be limiting the ages 12 and under - this way the campers do not wear masks

Kim: **Does the 25 limit include staff or just # of campers?**

Gina Tophoney - Lower Merion Township: I believe the 25 means total group size

Nancy Opalka: 25 includes staff at this time

Beth, Dormont: My understanding is total group size including staff

Cfrantz: when does the CDC come out

Staci Freer: Thanks Kristy. Do you know when that was released?

Kristy Owens: I don't. I just received it from another Rec Dept. here last week...I can check.

Jhane Kunkel: Those are the great points Pete.

Autumn Arthur: That CDC guidance was leaked to AP. Here's the article for source, definitely not official.
<https://apnews.com/7a00d5fba3249e573d2ead4bd323a4d4>

Renee Lentz USTA Middle States: USTA's Medical Task Force has given guidelines for Facilities and Players. Just in case anyone is considering tennis as a part of your Park and Recreation

Scott Cope: **What are your plans for having Medical Staff on site?**

Jhane Kunke : We are through Penn Prime Insurance pool

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: Is everyone optimistic the CDC or gov WILL provide any actual guidance before it's too late?

Tom Steines: CDC was blocked by the white house

Staci Freer: **What is considered an "outdoor camp"?** We run a day camp that can be moved to outside, but still have to plan for inclement weather. I wonder if the second we move inside if that would compromise insurance coverage.

Brian Andrews: Before and after care options. In our camp, we have a large mixture of kids of various ages who participate in these options. They then shift into their assigned age group when our base camp starts. Not sure if it is possible if we have to run some sort of "pod" setup. Something to consider.

Doug Knuass: **How are departments dealing with counties pushing to make their own decision about what phase they are in?**

JoAnne Morris: **How do we keep kids separated for group games or don't we play games?**

Staci Freer: Doug-Bucks County is fighting it but my school is following the governor guidelines. Too dangerous to go against.

Josh Green: **joshgreen@mbgsd.org -Send Social Distancing games to me! Thanks!**

Ashley: My camp often played games outside (pick up sport games, races, obstacle courses etc) and we used nearby playground equipment too. Outside of craft projects and trail walks I'm worried about keeping kids occupied each day.

Staci Freer: Ashley-same here (minus playground equipment), in terms of keeping kids occupied, esp. since it seems like the pool will have to be closed, which has always been a major component.

Kim: Same here Ashley--we have had 3 groups--36 total and 10 staff. We are in Monroe County and a ways from being yellow I feel

Mary Hundt: I am using a vendor who runs my camps, and we are planning on going virtual through them after Memorial Day.

Kim: But our numbers of registrants down this year

Michele: I too am worried about keeping kids occupied. our reg day is 9-3:30 but with before and after care I will have some kids onsite for 11 hours! No pool time, no field trips makes for long days & weeks

Mary Hundt: We will do drive up and drop off.

Staci Freer: we are considering switching from a full day to a half day camp (maybe morning and afternoon session), cutting camp numbers in half.

Scott Cope: We have done drive-thru drop off for the past couple years and it works fine. Those parents that do need to talk to staff can park

Gina Batavic: **What about heat wave situations with no shade available**

Crystal Werkheiser: @staci we are working towards that too

Joellescholl: We will be checking temperatures and health questions at one location for parents. Parents will not be able to enter the building. They will call for pick up when they are in the parking lot.

Cfrantz: yes we are doing it in East Allen Township counselors will check in children

michellevarner: With the drive-by pick up and drop off...is there a software that anyone uses that they would recommend?

joellescholl: This link has some good social distancing ideas: <https://www.asphaltgreen.org/blog/rep-it-out-games-for-social-distancing>

besterman: **Those that are splitting full day to half day to add campers/sessions....will you sanitize all equipment, pavilions, rest rooms and so on after each session?**

Jhane Kunkel: I'd love the info on the sanitizing boxes and activities

Tyler-Twp of Upper St Clair: Stacey could you share information on that as you learn more? Sounds like an interesting concept!

Michele: half day camp is great except that would require a lot of cleaning in between and would not help Parents expecting us to offer more child care for working parents

joellescholl: We use Tadpoles, but plan to use the clipboards for the health questions and temps.

Barbra Primavera - Northampton Township: We will be using clipboards.

Scott Cope: **Is anyone providing medical staff at their camp, as recommended?**

Staci Freer: **so is the guideline 25 total (like total in the camp) or 25/ group? So could we have 4 groups in different areas of campus (we are on 140 acres) completely separated from each other?**

Nancy Opalka: uv only cleans the exposed surface you will have to turn over the equipment you place in the box. facility solutions group sells uv items. Good luck

Beth, Dormon: In theory per group but they haven't defined how big a "zone" is

Crystal Werkheiser: splitting to half day my current thought is to do different programs so there will be no sharing items so we'd only have to clean the rooms tables and chairs

cmaser: **This summer there is almost no way we will not have a financial loss with our summer playground program due to needing more staff. Are you running your camps at a financial loss?**

Staci Freer: we are lucky that one camp director is a nurse

Cfrantz: we are doing 5 groups of 10 campers plus two counselors and spreading them around the park in 2 pavilions

besterman: All staff will likely be required to have health check at the start of every session.

Kim: **Is anyone worried about the cases happening with children (possibly COVID related)? Will that influence anyone's camp opening decisions?**

Mary Hundt: I do not have one.

Jhane Kunke : I do not have one

Jhane Kunkel: Does anyone have sterilization stuff yet?

Jhane Kunkel: We normally hold a sponsorship program through our school too.

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: Looks like the deal ends in 1 hour https://onnrons.com/collections/shop/products/no-touch-forehead-thermometer-limited-stock-tmp451520?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=PA-0507&utm_term=4588124584108152&utm_content=TM

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: Also options on amazon

Renee Bridges: Jhane, I've been told that Amazon does have bulk hand sanitizer available

Derek Muller Montgomery Twp: G Clean has sanitizer

Renee Bridges: Derek - Can you share the G Clean website?

Staci Freer: Kim-yes, as a parent I am worried about the new cases with children. I imagine we'll lose some enrollment b/c of that.

Cfrantz: we are going to have water stations to wash hands with each group. and we have a sprayer to disinfect every day.

Brian Andrews: Just received 3 Digital Infrared Non Contact Thermometers. \$90.00 a piece.
<https://shopinspiretrends.com> Took about 2 weeks to get.

Steve Brown: Ask your Emergency Management Coordinators to help with thermometers and sanitizer.

Group Email Addresses: *See Summer Camp Google Doc.*