

# Medical Town Hall I Notes

Monday, March 31, 2020

7:00 pm ET

54 Participants

1. Factors to Consider for Holding/Postponing/Cancelling
  - a. Hospital makes final call
    - i. Many camps including Camp Bring It On are operated by hospitals that will ultimately decide whether camp will be held or cancelled
  - b. Staffing availability
    - i. Camp Ronald McDonald mentioned a concern over the availability of staff, volunteers, and medical staff
    - ii. The main concern of camps in regards to staffing is availability of medical staff
      1. Concerned about PTO availability, feedback from medical volunteers that they will potentially be carriers, and medical staff burnout
      2. This sentiment was echoed throughout the Medical Town Hall as well as all 8 Regional Town Halls
  - c. Funding
    - i. Many camps including Camp Ronald McDonald and Camp Happy Days mentioned a reluctance to request money in these difficult times
    - ii. The vast majority of fundraising events scheduled by COCAI camps for April and May have been cancelled and will result in a large financial hit
  - d. Health forms
    - i. Camp Sunrise mentioned that hospitals are overrun so many campers may not be able to see their oncologists or general pediatricians
  - e. Closing to immunosuppressed campers
    - i. Multiple camps including Camp One Step are considering only taking kids that are off active treatment
    - ii. Dr. Peter Cole mentioned that data from Italy and NY shows that immunosuppressed kids are not at risk for more severe infection
      1. Said even larger threat is for adult volunteers because kids are often asymptomatic and could be carriers
      2. Dr. Mark Atlas altered this statement and said that survivors with long-term complications including existing lung and cardiovascular disease are more at-risk and Dr. Cole agreed
  - f. Social distancing
    - i. Camp Trillion added that it will be incredibly difficult to promote social distancing and controlling exposure

## 2. Screening Policies

- a. Dr. Fernando Bula-Rudas, Infectious Disease Specialist (Camp Bring It On)
  - i. Screening will be incredibly difficult because the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 makes screening policies impossible to create in advance
  - ii. Questions that healthcare professionals used to screen 2 weeks ago are different today
  - iii. Young people can be asymptomatic so it makes it hard to screen
- b. Camp Can Do's medical team brought up the fact that we don't have access to robust testing and that we can't expect everyone to have access by the summer
- c. Dr. Mark Atlas from Sunrise said that tests only detect active cases and won't detect previous cases or the existence of antibodies

## 3. "Gut Feelings" of Medical Staff

- a. Dr. Mark Atlas, Sunrise Day Camp
  - i. Said next month will give us more data to understand the situation but believes that camps in the NY area are "toast"
  - ii. Added that day camps are more at-risk
- b. Dr. Peter Cole, Happiness Is Camping
  - i. Agrees with Dr. Atlas and his gut is saying the NY area can't safely have camp because there is no way to screen
- c. Dr. Kaye, Camp Bring It On
  - i. Agrees with Dr. Atlas and Dr. Cole and says she won't feel comfortable because of the potential liability that camps face if they open
- d. Kara, Oncology Nurse, Camp Happy Days
  - i. Doesn't see how there will be any way that camps can screen effectively and even if they could, she believes that kids will be so excited to attend camp that they won't be 100% honest when answering questions
  - ii. Also said that it's better to be sad that camp didn't happen than to be sad that it did

## 4. Policies and Procedures if Opening

- a. Knowing when the pandemic is over
  - i. Dr. Bula-Rudas said that there won't be a clear-cut way to decide when it's over, they will have to rely on data
  - ii. Dr. Mark Atlas said they will have to rely on incidence data, time will tell if reinfection is possible, and treatments and vaccinations may be developed
- b. Personal Protection Equipment
  - i. Dr. Bula-Rudas said that even hospitals aren't 100% sure what the correct PPE is when fighting COVID-19 and that hospitals are having internal debates
  - ii. Tracy from Kamp Kace said it is unlikely that camps will get PPE from hospitals and med staff likely won't have PTO
  - iii. Dr. Kaye said there is a shortage in PPE and we might not be able to get any this summer
  - iv. Dr. Atlas asked if we would even want to have camp if everyone would be required to wear masks, gloves, and gowns

- c. Visitor Policies
  - i. Camp Happy Times would restrict volunteers
  - ii. Tammy from Camp Fantastic said that last year everyone was worried about the measles and that COVID-19 is so far beyond that
- d. Medical Personnel and Supplies
  - i. Camp Happy Days is considering the rural nature of its camp and the level of care the local hospital could provide their campers
    - 1. Happy Times is also considering the same thing
  - ii. Sunrise said that they ordered medical supplies two months ago and it still hasn't arrived
- e. Family Reactions
  - i. Camp Quality Greater Kansas City will probably send out a formal survey to gauge families
  - ii. Sunrise has made over 300 phone calls to parents and they seem excited for kids to go to camp because they are cooped up in the house
  - iii. Camp Ooch said when they cancelled programs their families understood the need and appreciated the decision

## COCAI Medical Town Hall Chat Log 3/30/2020

Jennifer Amundsen (to Everyone): 5:48 PM: Thank you for joining COCAI's first Medical Town Hall. Please type your name and your Camp name below. Please post any question you have here for our facilitators or anyone participating in the call.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days

Julie Moreton (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Julie Moreton, Camp Kemo/Rap a Hope

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Kelly Crowley - Camp Happy Time

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Matthew Ruttler-Camp Happy Time

Kim (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Kim Gillespie Camp Quality Heartland

Michael Katz (to Everyone): 5:57 PM: Michael Katz - Camp Sunshine

Brian Crater (to Everyone): 5:58 PM: Brian Crater. Camp Ronald McDonald

Ryan Campbell, Happiness Is Camping (to Everyone): 5:58 PM: Ryan Campbell, Happiness Is Camping

Katie Swain (to Everyone): 5:59 PM: Katie Swain- Camp Goodtimes at YMCA Camp Reed

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 5:59 PM: Michele Veron - Sunrise Association camps

Ava Dawson (to Everyone): 5:59 PM: Ava Dawson, RN, CPNP - Sunrise Association

Tanya; Goodtimes Project (to Everyone): 5:59 PM: Tanya, The Goodtimes Project/Camp Goodtimes (camp director)

Kara B. (to Everyone): 5:59 PM: Kara Bryant, Camp happy days medical@camphappydays.com

Amy (to Everyone): 6:00 PM: Amy Camp-Mak-A-Dream

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 6:00 PM: Yes- so far so good!

Allison Schuessler (to Everyone): 6:01 PM: Allison Schuessler, Camp CanDo

Erin (to Everyone): 6:02 PM: Erin Wood, Camp Quality OH

Rich Brundige (to Everyone): 6:04 PM: Rich Brundige, Camp Kids Are Kids Chicago

Susan Burke (to Everyone): 6:04 PM: Susie Burke, Camp One Step - Chicago

Sandy Haft (to Everyone): 6:04 PM: Sandy Haft-Sunrise Day Camp-Statens Island

Mackenzie Murawsky (to Everyone): 6:05 PM: Mackenzie Murawsky Camp Kindle Kids Cancer Care

EmJ Juszczuk (to Everyone): 6:06 PM: Emily Juszczuk, Camp Happy Days emj@camphappydays.com

stacey - camp quality (to Everyone): 6:07 PM: Stacey - Camp Quality Canada

Tammy Jenkins - Camp Fantastic/Special Love (to Everyone): 6:08 PM: Tammy Jenkins, Camp Fantastic/Special Love

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:26 PM: plus there is a false negative rate for these PCRs so is it truly an accurate marker?

Tanya; Goodtimes Project (to Everyone): 6:26 PM: Thank you Sandy for those questions!

Kim (to Everyone): 6:26 PM: yes Kelly. the false negative rate is quite high in my opinion right now

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:26 PM: \*and as already said, active disease is one thing, but previous exposure may play an impact...

EmJ Juszczuk (to Everyone): 6:27 PM: To anyone: Would your camp limit who can come to camp if they are day volunteers/not staying the whole week? would you consider screening them?

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 6:28 PM: EmJ, that is something we are going to discuss in a few minutes. Thank you for bringing that up.

Crystal Davison - Camp Quality GKC (to Everyone): 6:29 PM: I was on the phone with no audio working. Since what we know and learn about COVID-19 seems to be evolving on a daily basis, with our camp late July, we're still in the wait and watch period. Another concern our camp organization has brought up is that our insurance does not cover COVID-19 infections...and with screening questions changing and even asymptomatic people in the population, it would be very difficult to guarantee any screening process.

Kellie Reece (to Everyone): 6:29 PM: GREAT point Kara

Bula Rudas,Fernando (to Everyone): 6:30 PM: That's an excellent point

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 6:30 PM: GREAT POINT KARA

Kim (to Everyone): 6:30 PM: good point Kara. there is just a lot of unknown right now

Camisha Taylor (to Everyone): 6:30 PM: risk vs benefit! yes Kara!

Katie Swain (to Everyone): 6:30 PM: yes Kara!!!

stacey - camp quality (to Everyone): 6:31 PM: re: our medical volunteers - would we need to choose our volunteers carefully - nurses who work in higher risks areas (ICU, ER, COVID units, etc..) should we be cautious in having them

as volunteers given their higher risk of exposure?

Brian Crater (to Everyone): 6:34 PM: any prediction of possible protocol changes AFTER the pandemic "passes"?

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 6:35 PM: Great question Brian. I will add that to a section coming up shortly

Bula Rudas,Fernando (to Everyone): 6:37 PM: great point about conserving PPEs

Camisha Taylor (to Everyone): 6:38 PM: EXACTLY! no PPE camp :)

Kelly Eastman - Camp Rainbow (to Everyone): 6:38 PM: Couldn't agree more!!

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:38 PM: Agreed!!

Kara B. (to Everyone): 6:38 PM: so true!

Crystal Davison - Camp Quality GKC (to Everyone): 6:42 PM: Random-ish from Camp Quality GKC: I think back on a beginning slide someone mentioned parent comfort with children attending camp. We've made a blanket statement so far that we're monitoring the situation and taking guidance from CDC and local health departments (and following whichever is most stringent) and have also had some side conversations with some parents and are starting to consider a formal survey to gauge their comfort level if camps would be given the "okay" to proceed.

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 6:44 PM: Thank you Crystal

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:47 PM: YES KARA - it's scary

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 6:48 PM: I just want to say that, it is extremely moving and powerful to be on the call with 50 other camp/medical professionals who know that it is probably the smart bet to cancel camp. However, we all know what wonders and magic our camps provide. To see the level of heart and fight in this group and community is so powerful and I applaud you all.

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 6:49 PM: Agree Iain. Nicely stated.

Kara B. (to Everyone): 6:52 PM: that's so true

Jennifer Amundsen (to Everyone): 6:53 PM: Is there any other medical advice our doctors can give to us from an infectious disease standpoint that might help us make our decisions going forward?

Tanya; Goodtimes Project (to Everyone): 6:54 PM: If we have a vaccine before camps 2021, will COVID be like flu for us as far as screening?

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:55 PM: i think pending the efficacy of that said vaccine, it may be but not sure we can dictate that yet...

Kelly Wight (to Everyone): 6:56 PM: plus, we are unsure if there is re-infection rate or peaks in its prevalence with regards to fall/winter/spring/summer transmission where that screening may be warranted...

Amy (to Everyone): 6:56 PM: With the situation changing daily, do you have any more town meetings planned for closer to the end of the month?

Bula Rudas,Fernando (to Everyone): 6:57 PM: Answer to Tanya, if routine vaccination for covid is established in the future then yes, it would be a similar situation, but still too uncertain on type of vaccine

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 6:57 PM: Thank you Matt, Dr. Kaye, Don, and Jennifer. These town halls have been EXTREMELY helpful.

Peter Cole (to Everyone): 6:57 PM: Thank you everyone.

EmJ Juszczyk (to Everyone): 6:57 PM: Thank you Matt, Dr. Kaye, Don, and Jennifer. These town halls have been EXTREMELY helpful.

Crystal Davison - Camp Quality GKC (to Everyone): 6:58 PM: Great discussion and sharing! MUCH appreciated!

Camisha Taylor (to Everyone): 6:58 PM: Thank you for this Medical Townhall! Camisha-Camp Rising Sun, Connecticut

Tammy Jenkins - Camp Fantastic/Special Love (to Everyone): 6:59 PM: Thank you so much for doing this. I listened to the programming call and it was great, but it's extremely helpful to have this medically-focused call!

Michael Katz (to Everyone): 6:59 PM: Thank you for sharing your time and expertise. Michael Katz Camp Sunshine, ME.

Peter Cole (to Everyone): 7:00 PM: Having another at the end of April will be valuable. I think we will have much more information by then about the effectiveness of screening, lasting immunity, etc.

Kelly Eastman - Camp Rainbow (to Everyone): 7:00 PM: Love that! Such a great idea!!! "Camp in a box!"

Kellie Reece (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: Thank you everyone.

Jennifer Amundsen (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: Thank you guys for joining us tonight! Please visit our website to see all the other Town Hall recordings.

Susan Burke (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: Thank you for coordinating/facilitating this townhall. Helpful to hear different perspectives and the perspectives of our physician colleagues.

Bula Rudas,Fernando (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: Thank you for inviting me to this conversation.

Katie Swain (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: thank you- this was beyond valuable!!

Mackenzie Murawsky (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: Thank you!

Kara B. (to Everyone): 7:01 PM: thanks guys!

Brian Crater (to Everyone): 7:02 PM: thank you all for what you do.. will do.. for your campers, families and COCA

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 7:02 PM: Thank you for hosting this opportunity to connect and discuss.