

## Medical Town Hall II Notes

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

9:00 pm ET

103 Participants

1. Factors to Consider for Holding/Postponing/Cancelling
  - a. Staffing availability
    - i. Camp Happy Times mentioned concerns over staffing availability caused by various factors including job reduction, PTO, travel restrictions, medical staff burnout, etc.
      1. Sentiment was echoed in the chat function
  - b. Time
    - i. Several camps are held in July and August and are waiting to gather more information before cancelling camp
  - c. Health forms
    - i. Camp Sunrise mentioned that hospitals are overrun so many campers may not be able to see their oncologists or general pediatricians
  - d. Closing to immunosuppressed campers
    - i. Dr. Yoram from Camp Horizon mentioned that there is no real data yet regarding the effects of COVID-19 and what reinfection would look like
  - e. Social distancing
    - i. Dr. Mike from Camp Okizu mentioned that if we need to consider social distancing then we probably can't safely have camp
      1. Also mentioned that unless COVID-19 is proven to be totally gone it will be hard to justify bringing a large group of people to camp
    - ii. Dr. Yoram agreed and said that social distancing with kids isn't realistic
  - f. Liability
    - i. Smile-a-Mile mentioned that there could be tremendous liability if someone got sick at camp
      1. Faye from Camp Magical Moments agreed and said there would also be implications regarding camp's reputation
    - ii. COCAI is considering establishing a town hall with Markel Insurance to cover this topic
  - g. Rental Site
    - i. Millie from Happy Times mentioned that whether or not their rental site will open is a factor as well

2. Screening Policies
  - a. Seattle Children's tests all admitted patients and is finding many children that are asymptomatic carriers
  - b. Dr. Raphael, an Infectious Disease Specialist from UCLA (Camp Ta-Kum-Ta)
    - i. Very difficult to screen for because 1/3 of people are asymptomatic
    - ii. Believes the screening component is the biggest problem
    - iii. Models predict that until there's a vaccine, any congregation of people will cause a re-eruption of disease
  - c. Dr. Mike agrees and says that if tests show that people have antibodies and an immunity that we may be able to serve that population, but he also mentioned that this is extremely unlikely
    - i. Dr. Raphael agreed but mentioned that there is some data coming out of China that shows that people may have the ability to lose their immunity
  - d. Multiple camps mentioned the difficult nature of screening every volunteer as well
    - i. Some rental camps allow their staff to leave camp at night so how do we account for them
3. Medical Supplies
  - a. Personal Protection Equipment
    - i. Happiness Is Camping tried to order sanitizing supplies and was limited in the amount they could order
  - b. Visitor Policies
    - i. Dr. Mike mentioned that if we need to restrict visitors then it's probably not safe enough to host camp
4. Family Reactions
  - a. Barbie (Oncology nurse, Camp Rainbow) spoke to a family that attends camp while they were at the hospital and they mentioned that they probably wouldn't be sending their child to camp because of the risk
  - b. Camp Ooch and Camp Trillion cancelled their programs because they said their families trust them and depend on them to keep their kids safe
  - c. Dr. Kaye mentioned that it is dependent on us as camps to make the right decisions because families are cooped up inside right now and may just be looking for reasons to leave the house
5. COCAI's Next Steps
  - a. Board Meeting
    - i. Will take place on Wednesday, April 1
    - ii. Matt will present Town Hall findings to the Board
  - b. Virtual Programming Town Halls
    - i. Many camps have requested that COCAI host town halls to share virtual town hall ideas
    - ii. Matt said that they are in the works following the success of the regional town halls
  - c. Baseline Outbreak/Health Policies



## COCA\_I Town Hall Chat Log-Tuesday

Jennifer Amundsen (to Everyone): 7:47 PM: Welcome to our second COCAI Medical Town Hall Meeting. Please add your name, Camp name and email address.

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 7:51 PM: Matthew Ruttler-Camp Happy Times

Ed Collins (to Everyone): 7:51 PM: Ed Collins- Center for Courageous Kids (CCK)

Kim (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Kimberly gillespie - Camp Quality Heartland

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Iain Riddle - Camp Happy Days

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Arlene Higgins

Ed Collins (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: edwardj@courageouskids.org

Dr. Kaye- Camp Bring it On (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Dr. Kaye Wagner, Camp Bring it On

Mindy Bean (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Mindy Bean-Camp Millennium

Kim (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: kim.gillespie@campqualityusa.org

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: arlene higgins-Camp Quality Greater Kansas City

Kim (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Kimberly gillespie -Camp Quality Heartland

Millie (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Millie Finkel Camp Happy Times

Beverley Tidwell (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Beverley Tidwell beverley@candlelightersaz.org

Faye Sledge (to Everyone): 7:55 PM: Faye Sledge-Camp Magical Moments

Russell Tyree - LPe (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Russell Tyree - Camp Horizon, TN

Heather Bachman (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Heather Bachman, Camp Rainbow (Foundation)

Maureen (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Maureen McAllister - Camp Sunshine

Dennis DePaul (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Dennis DePaul - Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, Vermont

Rich Brundige (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Rich Brundige - Camp Kids Are Kids Chicago

Barbie Ricken (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Barbie Ricken - Camp Rainbow (Foundation)

Raphael Landovitz (to Everyone): 7:56 PM: Raphy Landovitz - Camp Ta Kum Ta

Jen Clark (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Jen Clark-Camp Rainbow-St. Louis

Jacinda Farmer (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Jacinda Farmer Camp Quality GKC

Ryan Campbell, Happiness Is Camping (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Ryan Campbell, Happiness Is Camping

Edith Tomasetti (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Edith Tomasetti Camp Sunshine, Atlanta, GA

Shannon Rumage - Smile-A-Mile (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Shannon Rumage - Smile-A-Mile

Kellie Reece (to Everyone): 7:57 PM: Kellie Reece Smile-A-Mile

Terry Ketchem, Camp Dost (to Everyone): 7:58 PM: Terry Ketchem, Camp Dost

Haamid Chamdawala (to Everyone): 7:58 PM: Haamid Chamdawala - Camp Amerikids

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 7:58 PM: Michele Vernon- Sunrise Association

EmJ Juszczyk (to Everyone): 7:58 PM: EmJ Juszczyk, Camp Happy Days, emj@camphappydays.com

Sherry Bayliff (to Everyone): 7:58 PM: Sherry Bayliff-Kids Cancer Alliance

Kara B. (to Everyone): 7:59 PM: Kara Bryant, Camp Happy Days medical@camphappydays.com

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 7:59 PM: Dr. Mike is here.

Amy (to Everyone): 7:59 PM: Amy Surbrugg Camp Mak-A-Dream

Hannah Dimmitt (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Hannah Dimmitt with Heart of Passion

Anne, Smile-A-Mile (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Anne, anne@smileamile.com

Yoram Unguru (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Yoram Unguru, Camp Horizon Baltimore, MD

Cassandra Gilbert (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Cassandra Docking from Camp Goodtimes in Seattle, WA!

Marcia Bettenhausen (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Marcia Bettenhausen - nurse Kamp KACE

Tricia McCaffrey (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Tricia McCaffrey

Tricia McCaffrey (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Camp Rainbow

Dave Cat. (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Dave Caterino - Camp Takumta

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Stacy Carter-Kids Cancer Alliance

Lynne Royer (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Lynne.willoughby@specialdays.org Special Days Camp Michigan

Tracy (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Tracy Bryan - Camp Rainbow Gold

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Averill Clarke, Camp Ooch & Camp Trillium, Canada

Pancho (to Everyone): 8:00 PM: Pancho from Camp Horizon

Susan Burke (to Everyone): 8:01 PM: Susie Burke - Camp One Step

Stephanie - Smile-A-Mile (to Everyone): 8:01 PM: Stephanie, stephanie@smileamile.com

Lisa Beatty (to Everyone): 8:01 PM: Lisa Beatty Smile A Mile lbeatty@peds.uab.edu

Cassandra Gilbert (to Everyone): 8:02 PM: #reallife.... loving all the household sounds!

Alicia Sommer- Camp Good Days (to Everyone): 8:03 PM: Alicia asommer@CampGoodDays.org

Dave Cat. (to Everyone): 8:05 PM: YEAH RAPHY!!!!

Brandon Briery (to Everyone): 8:06 PM: Brandon Briery - Camp CAMP

Ed Collins (to Everyone): 8:10 PM: Medical staff, normally volunteering, may be unable to attend.

Cassandra Gilbert (to Everyone): 8:10 PM: Staff might be too burned out to work and/or not have time off available to be able to volunteer.

Jacinda Farmer (to Everyone): 8:12 PM: What does your virtual event look like?

Pancho (to Everyone): 8:16 PM: Dr Pancho here from Camp Horizon. We are waiting for May 1 to make a final decision on our Mid June Oncology week. Immediately following we have SIBS week.

Cory (to Everyone): 8:17 PM: We are testing all admitted patients at Seattle Children's and finding asymptomatic carriers.

Pancho (to Everyone): 8:18 PM: If we cancel, will have virtual programming to some degree, to be seen what that looks like.

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:19 PM: We serve such a high risk population, that even having a sibling camp will put our patients at risk.

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:20 PM: I agree; we need to remember that those siblings will return to a home where there is a patient after camp.

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 8:20 PM: Great point Stacy

Marcia Bettenhausen (to Everyone): 8:22 PM: This is Marcia from Kamp KACE - I have not asked families specifically about sending them to Kamp - but they currently are scared to even bring them to the hospital or clinic for treatment..... I think there will be incredible fear from families

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:23 PM: Camp Ooch & Camp Trillium had the safety and well being of all campers, staff and volunteers as the central factor in making a decision to cancel our programs. We feel that the trust is key to our brand, and the fact that we could not guarantee no exposure is a risk that we felt was too great.

Cory (to Everyone): 8:24 PM: Especially with the unknown of the behavior of this virus.

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:24 PM: Averill, that is a great point. Trust in our camp is a huge part of what we do at Camp Quality.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 8:26 PM: I agree Dr. Mike

Bruce Hooper (Smile-A-Mile) (to Everyone): 8:26 PM: And we also must factor in the risk to our volunteers and staff as well in this situation.

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:26 PM: Agree about not being able to effectively screen

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:27 PM: Screening would be almost impossible. 200+ people at our camp.

Leah Garza (to Everyone): 8:28 PM: Arlene- I agree with you. We also serve around 200 campers plus volunteers.

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:29 PM: Agree Arlene. 250 incl campers, staff, and volunteers would make it too challenging

Dave Cat. (to Everyone): 8:29 PM: I had the test - it hurt and took 30 seconds....

Haamid Chamdawala (to Everyone): 8:29 PM: Thank you!

Jennifer Reich (to Everyone): 8:30 PM: Definitely agree with the issues of screening. After having the measles issues in Rockland County NY last summer and the screening that we did, it still wasn't 100%. Knowing that we could at least determine if our staff and campers were immune based on testing, was a little more comforting. I'd be concerned that with COVID, the screening would not be effective enough.

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:30 PM: That's an excellent point: even if there was a test for immunity in "normal" people, it would not be valid in immunocompromised populations.

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 8:30 PM: I would hate to limit our population at camp based on whether or not the children had Covid and were considered immune. Camp should be for our total population

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:31 PM: Michele, I agree, if we can't serve everyone, then maybe we should consider postponing camp.

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:31 PM: If we still feel that we need to maintain social distancing, then the risk is too high to have camp.

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:32 PM: It 's even hard for the staff to not hug!! We are all family!

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:32 PM: Dr. Mike, I agree!

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 8:32 PM: agree!

Barbie Ricken (to Everyone): 8:32 PM: I think another issue will be having appropriate PPE at camp given current shortages

Millie (to Everyone): 8:32 PM: I feel the same way, so sad but we must think of the kids safety

Cindi Seidel (to Everyone): 8:33 PM: I agree if you have to social distance should cancel camp

Sherry Bayliff (to Everyone): 8:33 PM: It's truly overwhelming . . . the enormity of it all.

Dave Cat. (to Everyone): 8:34 PM: YES SHERRY ... every aspect of life with this virus.

Marcia Bettenhausen (to Everyone): 8:35 PM: If we are flattening the curve effectively --- none of us may be immune.....if we prevent exposures now we continue to remain at risk

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: This very well may be the saddest conversation I have participated in.

Ryan Campbell, Happiness Is Camping (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: Awesome point. Many camps have kitchen staff that don't live on camp. Will be very hard to keep them isolated

Millie (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: YES

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: Agree

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: AGREE!

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: Stacy, I was thinking the exact same thing!! I am overwhelmed

Cassandra Gilbert (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: totally agree!

Cindi Seidel (to Everyone): 8:36 PM: So true

Michele Vernon (to Everyone): 8:37 PM: Dr.Mike- totally agree- especially since we do not know how this virus behaves over the long term.

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:37 PM: Yes, I agree that this presents an opportunity for us to be better prepared in the future for managing communicable diseases in the camp setting.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 8:38 PM: One thing that I have tried to remind people of is that with the current situation, it is as important as ever to show our families that camp is about the people not the place.

Sherry Bayliff (to Everyone): 8:38 PM: Absolutely agree, Dennis. We are doing some great things already to break the monotony!

Dr. Kaye- Camp Bring it On (to Everyone): 8:39 PM: Totally agree Dr. Mike!

Maureen (to Everyone): 8:39 PM: I am so grateful for these town halls!!

Caitlyn Bailey (to Everyone): 8:39 PM: Does COCA have a facebook page where we can share alternative programming and other non-covid topics? COCA Camps are so unique and it would be awesome to have something like this (if we don't already have it)

Echtenkamp Deborah S (to Everyone): 8:40 PM: I know no one has a crystal ball-but is there any thoughts as to what needs to be permanent changes related to COVID-19 going forward.

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:40 PM: Those virtual tool kits will also serve us well in the future for "between camp" contact for kids and families.

Jennifer Reich (to Everyone): 8:40 PM: As much as campers and staff may dissappointed not being on site, there are a lot of ways we can still bring camp to them and it being different can be really exciting for them.

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:40 PM: I am definitely looking forward to more town halls, and also the tremendous support I get from connecting with all of you.

Bruce Hooper (Smile-A-Mile) (to Everyone): 8:41 PM: Agree Iain! This is an opportunity for us to provide programming in different and exciting new ways to continue to live out our mission.

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 8:41 PM: Yes Caitlyn. We have a facebook page and a listserve

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:42 PM: Very similar themes in last nights call

Brandon Briery (to Everyone): 8:42 PM: Deborah - on an ACA Medical webinar last week Tracey Gaslin suggested that while we hope for vaccine, etc., COVID-19 is out there now and isn't going away, and some level of social distancing, etc., may FOREVERMORE be advisable - and that was for general population (not special medical needs) camps. It's a very sobering thought.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 8:44 PM: The virtual programs that we create now will be so beneficial for us to use for campers who are too sick to attend camp. Also great to use for families that might be nervous about sending their camper away to a camp for the first time. It will be a great tool. We have to make sure that we turn this negative into a positive. Jason formerly of Camp Rainbow Gold told me that "The shadows prove there is sunshine" and its our job how bright the sun really is

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:44 PM: I agree Brandon. Camp is our favorite time of the year. Social distancing with our patient population will be very difficult.

Barbie Ricken (to Everyone): 8:45 PM: I think if we have any programming soon we will be hard pressed to find nurse volunteers who are healthy and available to take PTO to volunteer at our camps

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:45 PM: Good point Iain!

Jennifer Reich (to Everyone): 8:45 PM: I agree that the nursing staff may be the most challenging.

Caitlyn Bailey (to Everyone): 8:46 PM: Matt, can we make a group within the page to share programming ideas? Not sure if anyone follows Summer Camp Professionals on facebook, but it would be great to have something specifically for COCA camps.

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:47 PM: Agree re: RN & MD Staff for Camp programs

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:47 PM: Iain, that

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 8:47 PM: Great idea Caitlyn

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 8:47 PM: Oops! Iain, that's a good way to look at it.

Dennis DePaul (to Everyone): 8:48 PM: While this is sad - without a doubt - it's like being the kid in the hospital just before our program that ends up not being able to come to camp. We are feeling their pain - and learning more about that experience. We have to use this as a way to create greater inclusion in our programming. So much gratitude to the children and families we serve.

Bruce Hooper (Smile-A-Mile) (to Everyone): 8:49 PM: Perfectly stated Dennis!

Michelle (to Everyone): 8:49 PM: Not just COVID -19 but measles and other communicable diseases for those who do not get immunized

Alicia Sommer- Camp Good Days (to Everyone): 8:49 PM: Don that is so good to hear! A slack channel would be great!

Cindi Seidel (to Everyone): 8:50 PM: So true Dennis

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:50 PM: Dennis, that is profound! This will give us a small insight into what it is like to not be able to come to camp.

Faye Sledge (to Everyone): 8:51 PM: Don, that sounds great! Thanks!!

Susan Burke (to Everyone): 8:54 PM: Thank you for dedicating your board meeting to this discussion. If the board does make recommendations, when should we expect to receive these?

Jennifer Amundsen (to Everyone): 8:54 PM: Please check [www.cocai.org](http://www.cocai.org) home page for information to each of our Town Halls.

Don Golden (to Everyone): 8:55 PM: Also, everyone please go to [cocai.org/townhallsurvey](http://cocai.org/townhallsurvey). Please take 5 mins to complete the survey so we can continue to address your needs.

Leah Garza (to Everyone): 8:55 PM: our camp is last week in July first week of august any thoughts if we should possibly cancel?

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:55 PM: Camp Ooch and Camp Trillium Medical Advisory Committee published a document in Pediatric Blood and Cancer re: Infection Screening and Activity Considerations

Faye Sledge (to Everyone): 8:56 PM: A big shout out to the COCA Board for providing all of us with such helpful information and discussion! Thank you!!

Raphael Landovitz (to Everyone): 8:56 PM: Obviously a huge wealth of expertise in this group - - if I can help in any way feel free to email at [rlandovitz@gmail.com](mailto:rlandovitz@gmail.com) - or you can reach me through Dennis at Camp Ta Kum Ta.

Mindy Bean (to Everyone): 8:56 PM: My heart has finally reached the same conclusion as my head. Our campers and their families have put their trust into our camp. Time to put my big girl panties on and make the decision to cancel..

Leah Garza (to Everyone): 8:57 PM: Thank you.

Leah McComb (to Everyone): 8:57 PM: agree Mindy, so heartbreaking but necessary

Stacy Carter (to Everyone): 8:58 PM: Agree Dr. Mike.

Yoram Unguru (to Everyone): 8:58 PM: Excelente point Michele

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:58 PM: Certainly

Terry Ketchem, Camp Dost (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: consider reaching out to the CDC for attendance in these webinars. Due to the nature of the camps it might be a request that is fulfilled.

Caitlyn Bailey (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: Camp Good Days & Special Times would love to collaborate with other camps on virtual programming! [cbailey@campgooddays.org](mailto:cbailey@campgooddays.org)

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: Mindy, well said. Guess I need to get mine on too.

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: Document does not cover COVID-19, was published before this all happened.

Dave Cat. (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Erin (to Everyone): 8:59 PM: Same, I can no longer safely endorse in person camp for this year. It breaks my heart but I am fully prepared to cancel tomorrow on our camp's COC meeting.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 9:00 PM: Thank you everyone!

Lynn Jones (to Everyone): 9:00 PM: Thanks Matt & Dr. Kaye for hosting this - so helpful to hear others' thinking on this topic and here's to continuing to share ideas and decisions moving forward.

Iain Riddle (to Everyone): 9:00 PM: Great Job Matt and Dr.Kaye!

Haamid Chamdawala (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you everyone!

Marilyn Kasal (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you! Be well everyone!

Sherry Bayliff (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: We have 4 camp weeks--beginning in early June and finishing at the end of July. Hard to have only "some" and combining would far exceed any "group" guidelines. So very sad. So good to have all of you--who really understand--share your thoughts and be sad too. Good to not be alone. Thank you!

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Keep safe, and keep sane everyone. This is an extraordinarily difficult situation for all of us, and it is heart breaking to have to cancel the camp programs that we know are so meaningful for the families.

Bruce Hooper (Smile-A-Mile) (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: We are much better together!

Susan Burke (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: These townhalls have been so beneficial - look forward to more in the future!

Mindy Bean (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you so much for these town halls!!!! COCA is FAMILY! Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

Kellie Reece (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank yall so much!

Edith Tomasetti (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you!

Arlene Higgins (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you everyone!!

Cassandra Gilbert (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: Thank you!

Sally hale (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: thanks Matt for making these town hall meetings available

Dina Dattilio (to Everyone): 9:01 PM: THANK YOU!!

Michael D Amylon (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: Thanks!!

Averill Clarke (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: Thank you all. Be well!

EmJ Juszczyk (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: THANK YOU!!!

Shannon Rumage - Smile-A-Mile (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: Thank you everyone!

Russell Tyree - LPe (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: Thank you!

Kim (to Everyone): 9:02 PM: thank you everyone

Matthew Ruttler (to Everyone): 9:03 PM: It has been our pleasure to serve