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**NOTICE of OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN  
STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP  
TO AMEND MAINE DHHS YOUTH CAMP RULE**

**[also known as Rules Relating to  
Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Day Camps and Primitive and Trip Camping]**

**10-144 CMR CHAPTER 208**

State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services - Maine CDC Health Inspection Program is seeking input from stakeholders to amend its rules governing youth camps in Maine. Stakeholders are asked to review the Department's draft rule posted April 24, 2024, contributing to Department questions below, reviewing and contributing to other stakeholder feedback, as well as attending and participating in a stakeholder meeting in September 2024.

**If You Are Interested In Being A Member Of The Youth Camp Rule Stakeholder Group,  
Please Contact Maine CDC By 5/31/2024 By Email at: [Stakeholders.MECDC@maine.gov](mailto:Stakeholders.MECDC@maine.gov)**

**Department Draft Rule Available For Stakeholders To Review:**

The Department received a number of good comments during its most recent comment period and public hearing. After its review, the Department uploaded a draft rule on April 24, 2024. This draft reflects highlighted changes that aligned with many of the comments received.  
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/rules/maine-cdc-rules.shtml>

**Stay Tuned for an Upcoming Stakeholder Meeting September 2024:**

- Maine CDC will provide further details for the September meeting, once more information is received around the number of interested stakeholders in May.
- In addition to discussing the feedback on highlighted changes from Maine CDC's draft, stakeholders are asked to also weigh in on the following questions for the meeting:
  1. **How should the Department ensure in its rule how youth camps hire safe, mature, responsible youth camp staff who are capable of protecting children from harm?**
  2. Maine Criminal Code makes it a crime for a sex offender to be present in a sex offender free zone. Specifically, 17-A M.R.S. § 261 defines "sex offender restricted zone" as "...the real property comprising a public or private elementary or middle school; the real property comprising a child care center, a child care facility, a day care operated by a family child care provider, a nursery school or a small child care facility as defined under 22 MRS § 8301-A or an athletic field, park, playground, recreational facility, **youth camp licensed under Title 22, section 2495** or other place where children are the primary users.

[PL 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §16 (AMD).] **What are the ways that youth camps can make sure that this law is not violated? What language should be in the rule to ensure this law is followed?**

3. Maine CDC has received reported cases of infectious disease likely to have been transmitted from young calves to humans. **What exact guidance materials should the Department incorporate or reference in its Youth Camp Rule, to protect campers from illness or infection resulting from interaction with calves?**
  
4. To follow up on Question #3, what exact minimum practical measures and steps should campers and youth camp staff follow or reference in its rule, regarding clothing and boot washing practices on a farm?