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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 2020

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sheila A. Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Summer Programming Guidance – MEMO #COVID-19-070

On Monday, June 1, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-110](#) to lift the stay at home order and to address temporary restrictions on certain events, gatherings, and businesses. On Friday, June 5, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-115](#) that permits Regions 6 and 8 to move to Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan as of June 10, 2020. Region map is linked [here](#). The following Friday, June 12, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order [2020-120](#) that allows overnight camps to resume operations as of June 15, 2020 subject to guidance from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Additionally, E.O. 2020-120 lifts the suspension of school sports activities and other in-person extracurricular activities, subject to rules on social distancing and given the closure of indoor exercise facilities. These executive orders have a significant implicit impact on summer programming for children.

Upon the expiration of a district's 2019-2020 school year, summer programming may occur within school buildings or in other settings outside of the school setting as long as the program is in compliance with the parameters laid out in E.O. 2020-110 and E.O. 2020-115. Specifically, Section 5 of E.O. 2020-115 states, "Any business or operation that requires its employees to leave their home or place of residence for work is subject to the rules on workplace safeguards in E.O. [2020-114](#) or any order that may follow from it."

In addition, Section 4 of E.O. 2020-110 and Section 6, of E.O. 2020-115 state, "Any individual who leaves his or her home or place of residence must:

- Follow social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), including remaining at least six feet from

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people from [sic] outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances.

- Wear a face covering over his or her nose and mouth—such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief—when in any enclosed public space, unless the individual is unable medically to tolerate a face covering.”

Summer learning opportunities and programming that include outdoor fitness classes, athletic practices, training sessions, or games are permitted as described in E.O. 2020-110, Section 14(a) “provided that coaches, spectators, and participants not from the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times during such activities, and that equipment and supplies are shared to the minimum extent possible and are subject to frequent and thorough disinfection and cleaning.”

In addition, “indoor gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities, exercise studios, and the like” are closed per Section 12(b) of E.O. 2020-110 and cannot be used for summer programming. Additionally, E.O. 2020-115, Section 7 provides rules on gatherings, performances, and events.

Finally, E.O. 2020-120, Section 2 strikes the second sentence of Executive Order 2020-65 Section I (1) and replaces it with: “Consistent with the rules described in Executive Order 2020-110 (including any rules on social distancing and the closure of indoor exercise facilities) and Executive Order 2020-115, which order applies to the region in which the school is located, and any orders that follow from them, K-12 school sports activities and other in-person extracurricular school activities may resume.”

Programs permitted by these executive orders with the aforementioned restrictions include but are not limited to traditional summer school programming, work-based learning programs for career and technical education students, and early childhood programming. These programs are not viewed as social gatherings or events as listed in E.O. 2020-110, Section 5 and E.O. 2020-115, Section 7 (a) (2). E.O. 2020-110, Section 2 and E.O. 2020-115, Section 4 both state that “any work that is capable of being performed remotely (i.e., without the worker leaving his or her home or place of residence) must be performed remotely.” This restriction applies to the summer programs included herein. As long as the program is in compliance with the parameters in E.O. 2020-110, E.O. 2020-115, and E.O. 2020-120, local districts have the discretion to determine the delivery model of summer programs: remote instruction or in-person instruction within school buildings or in other settings outside of school.

Separate guidance regarding summer programming for students with disabilities will be provided soon.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors