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Quebec public health gives green light
Summer camps will be able to reopen this summer

Montreal, May 7, 2021 – The Association des camps du Québec (ACQ) is pleased to announce that summer camps will be able to reopen this year as the Quebec public health gave the green light for this summer.

Government authorities are currently working to finalize the health protocol assigned to summer camps and will unveil the measures in the coming days.

Staff will have access to priority vaccination

The ACQ welcomes the department of Health and Social Services' decision to expand access to priority vaccination for all summer camps' staff. This important step is a recognition of the essential role all camp counselors play in Quebec.

"Access to vaccination for our staff is great news. Now we still need some financial help from the Government. Camps will once again have to comply with strict health and safety measures to ensure the safety of all campers and staff. They will have the same exceptional expenses this year and must be supported," said Eric Beauchemin, ACQ Executive Director.

10 million to support the implementation of the measures

Therefore, the ACQ is asking the government to provide \$10 million to day camps and summer camps to ensure that as many children and families as possible can enjoy a safe summer.

From this amount, \$6 million would be used to fund the implementation of health and sanitary measures and support possible temporary closures during the summer. For those camps that would not be able to reopen despite the lifting of the decree, the funding would be used to cover their fixed costs to survive the crisis, as was the case in 2020.

"After several months, the fog has finally lifted. Summer camps will be able to reopen. Our members will be working hard in the coming weeks to hire all the staff they need and to put in place all the necessary measures to ensure the safety of campers and provide youth and families a summer that lives up to their expectations." concluded Mr. Beauchemin.



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About the Association des camps du Québec

Founded in 1961 as an initiative of summer camp directors, the ACQ has 385 NPOs, municipal and private organizations operating 810 sites and welcoming more than 300,000 campers each year, offering summer camp, day camp, family camp, nature class and group programs. All meet more than 70 strict standards for safety and quality of activities and facilities.

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