

MEMORANDUM

During Week 4 there were fewer visitors to the Health Lodge with any sort of flu-like symptoms, an encouraging sign. As noted above this situation changed on Sunday afternoon, July 24th. On Monday morning we called the Health Department and informed them of this information. We spent the balance of the day meeting with representatives from various divisions of the department discussing the situation.

During this visit the health department inspected all our kitchens – for the third time in two weeks, and was very complimentary of the procedures we had in place. In addition, our bathing water and our drinking water were tested regularly – as they are every summer – and met state standards, as they always have.

We met with unit leaders that evening to apprise them of the situation and again stress preventative measures. Since all of those affected had left camp and there were no cases of illness reported on Monday, we determined to evaluate the situation overnight. After learning that several members of the Medicine Bow staff were ill overnight, we made the decision to close on Tuesday morning.

After consultation with the Department of Health, we decided it would be safe to re-open camp for Weeks 7 & 8, which we did on August 7th. Since those who were infected with the virus could be contagious for up to seven days after symptoms subsided we decided to take a twelve day break to ensure that the virus was not reintroduced by a staff member or camper returning to camp.

As a precautionary measure, prior to the reopening of camp we re-sanitized all facilities. We also took other steps such as installing “hands-free” paper towel dispensers and hand sanitizing dispensers –in addition to the existing soap dispensers – at every latrine and restroom.

I'm happy to report that there was absolutely no sign of illness during weeks 7 & 8, and as those of you who were in camp know, our Scouts had a great time in camp!

Our prime concern has always been – and continues to be – the health and safety of our campers. The decision to close was made out of an abundance of caution in this regard.

Please feel free to share this information with your parents & unit committee and do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.