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Dr. Robert R. Redfield Statement on “Preventing and Mitigating SARS-CoV-2 Transmission — Four Overnight Camps, Maine, June–August 2020”

Media Statement

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Today's MMWR, which highlights the thoughtful and prudent public health practices used during overnight summer camps in Maine, reinforces how powerful everyday preventive actions are in reducing and keeping COVID-19 transmission low. Despite more than 1,000 campers and staff from nearly every state and 7 countries, only three people tested positive for COVID-19 during the camp and no additional campers or staff were known to be infected. Using a combination of proven public health strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19, campers and staff were able to enjoy a traditional summer pastime amid a global pandemic. As communities work together to get us back to where we used to be, it is essential that everyone – for their own good and that of their family's – follow CDC and the federal government's recommendations to protect against COVID-19. This includes wearing masks, practicing social distancing and good hand hygiene, and staying home when you are sick. I want to thank everyone who is already following this guidance, as well as encourage others to understand that their actions help others as much as they help them.

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