A Summer Like No Other

Harvard specialists in epidemiology, infectious disease, economics, politics, and other disciplines offer insights into what the latest developments in the COVID-19 outbreak may bring.

“This is going to be a very different summer,” said Joe Allen, assistant professor of exposure assessment science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and director of its Healthy Buildings Program. He said getting outdoors has multiple benefits, both physical and mental, and due to the “unlimited dilution” of viral particles in a breeze and the virus’ low survival on sunny surfaces lower the risks than remaining indoors.

The safest summer activities will occur with those whom you share a household.

Some ideas for outdoor activities are:
Take a hike, backyard camping, tend the garden, sidewalk chalk activity, ride a bike, neighborhood scavenger hunt (looking for things by sight), play a lawn game (cornhole, horseshoes, or croquet), read or study on the patio.

What’s important is reducing risk while enjoying summertime activities, Allen said. That means continuing to keep your distance, wear a mask, have hand sanitizer nearby, wash your hands frequently, cough or sneeze into your elbow, and stay home if you are not feeling well.

Any version of summertime fun will require each person to do his or her part to keep everyone safe.

Sources: https://news.harvard.edu/gaette/story/2020/05/you-can-have-outdoor-fun-in-the-covid-era-but-keep-your-distance
June 2020 Statistics

MCH Continued...
WIC Clients receiving Education ......135
WSSM / WIC Education ..................103
Internet WIC Education .................11
Individual WIC Education ..............21
Lead ........................................0
Hemoglobin..................................0
ASQ Developmental Screenings .......58
Depression Screenings ..................36
EPSDT’S .....................................0
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health) .......0
Number of Vision Tested ...............0
Number of Hearing Tested .............0
OAE Hearing Tested .....................0
Pregnancy Tests .........................0

Family Case Management
APORS Visits ................................2
Healthworks Caseload ..................96

Communicable Disease Investigations
Chickenpox ................................0
Cryptosporidiosis ..........................0
COVID-19 ...................................18
Hepatitis B ...................................0
Hepatitis C ...................................1
Histoplasmosis ..............................0
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated .........0
HIV Test ....................................0
Salmonellosis ...............................0
Streptococcal Infections (Group A) ..1
Whooping Cough (Pertussis) ............0

Sexually Transmitted Disease
Chlamydia ..................................12
Gonorrhea ....................................2
Syphilis .....................................0

TB (Tuberculosis)
Tests Administered .......................7
New Prophylactic Patients ..............0
New Investigations ........................0
New Active Cases ........................0

Drug Testing
5-Panel Hair Drug Test .................0
9-Panel Non-Regulated Urine Test ...0
5-Panel Hair Test w/ Exp.Opiates ....0

Lab Draws
Private Pay
Salem Office ..............................32
Centralla Office ...........................6
Total Private Pay Lab Draws ........38

Quest Lab Draws
Salem Office ..............................2
Centralla Office ............................3
Total Quest Lab Draws .................5

Environmental Health
Food
Routine Inspections .....................0
Follow-up Inspections ..................0
Complaint Inspections ..................3
Temporary Inspections ..................0
Pre-Operational Inspections ..........0
Emergency Incident Inspections .....1
Number of Permits Issued ............22

Sewage
Routine Inspections .....................0
Complaint Inspections ..................0
Realty Inspections ......................0
Sewage Systems Installed .............8
Number of Permits Issued ............0

Water
New System Inspections ...............0
Existing Water Well Inspections ....0
Realty Inspections ......................0
Complaint Inspections ................0
Water Wells Sealed .....................0
Number of Permits Issued ..........0

Closed Loop Wells
Closed Loop Well Inspections .........0
Systems Installed .......................0
Number of Permits Issued ..........0

Tanning
Routine Inspections .....................0
Follow-up Inspections ..................0
Complaint Inspections ................0

Body Art
Routine Inspections .....................0
Follow-up Inspections ..................0
Complaint Inspections ................0

Miscellaneous
Animal Bites .............................1

FIT Test
Female .................................0
Male .................................2