

# Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: 10-144 CMR Chapter 208, Rules Relating to Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Day Camps and Primitive and Trip Camping.

**TYPE OF RULE** (*check one*):  Routine Technical  Major Substantive

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER (*leave blank; to be assigned by Secretary of State*):

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** The Maine CDC Health Inspection Program is proposing to update and clarify safety and wellness standards for its Rules Relating to Boys, Girls, Boys and Girls, Day Camps and Primitive and Trip Camping (10-144 CMR Ch. 208), which was last updated in 2007. The Department is proposing to change the rule title, add and clarify definitions, incorporate application, licensing and enforcement provisions and requirements from its Administration and Enforcement of Establishments Regulated by the Health Inspection Program Rule (Ch. 201), as well as clarify safety standards for swimming, adventure challenge activities, trip camping, farm animals, subsurface wastewater disposal systems, fire safety, drinking water, certified food protection managers, water temperature for hand washing, health supervisors, standing orders, medication protocols, notifiable conditions and diseases, ensuring proper background checks, hiring and training of staff, supervision ratios for campers, and transportation protocols. In addition, the Department is proposing to clarify the prohibition against abuse, neglect, hazing and bullying, which includes but is not limited to requiring camps to establish and maintain policies that prevent child abuse and neglect, as well as train staff on how to respond to and report allegations or observations of abuse, neglect, hazing or bullying.

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Thursday January 18, 2024, 10:30 AM, 32 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine, Marquardt Building (former AMHI Campus) Conference Room 118

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** January 28, 2024

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT** (*if different*): N/A  
**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES** (*if any*): None.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 22 MRS §§ 2491 to 2501

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED** (*if different*): N/A

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