



*News from Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley & the  
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

## On the Desktop - July 1, 2020

### **Comprehensive Summer School Guidance**

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Leaders of Collaboratives, Executive Directors of Approved Special Education Schools, and Private School Leaders,

The attached Comprehensive Summer School Guidance supplements the [Initial Summer School Re-Opening Guidance](#) (*download*) and the [Guidance about Summer 2020 Special Education Services](#) (*download*), both released in June. In this document, you will find that the health and safety requirements described for summer largely adhere to the [Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance](#) (*download*) I released last week, with some exceptions. The guidelines found in our reopening guidance are well supported by the medical field, including the American Academy of Pediatrics which released similar [guidelines](#) last week.

I appreciate that you began planning for summer school based upon the Initial Summer School Guidance we released on June 4. The requirements described in both the initial and comprehensive summer documents are largely consistent with the requirements also being followed during this phase of reopening by other child and youth serving agencies, such as summer camps and childcare facilities. We are reopening Massachusetts together, in phases. It is important that services for children—whether summer camps or summer school—follow similar requirements because at times they both use the same facilities and are overseen by the same local boards of public health. Consistent practices over the summer in camps, schools, and childcare facilities will help continue to pave the path for our phased reopening approach.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley  
Commissioner