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# Staying Active (and Cool) This Summer







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#### **Our Plan For Today....**

- Overview of key themes for today's discussion
- Introductions & Break-out room session
- Share with big group
- Break
- Break-out room discussion #1
- Share with big group
- Break-out room discussion #2
- Share with big group
- Large-group sharing and expert panel Q&A



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#### Your JUMPSTART® Begins Here...



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#### **Staying Active While Staying Safe**

We are still in a pandemic...

- Recreation is safer when in smaller groups or with fully vaccinated people
- Continued mask recommendations
- Don't forget to check the CDC website for updates: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>
- Research restrictions before traveling internationally; limitations are different everywhere.



### Benefits of Staying Active!

- Emotional well-being
- Stress management
- Relationship building
- Physical health
- Socialization



#### **Be Creative and Be Open!**

- Many facilities and venues have special access, support, resources and DISCOUNTS.
- Modifications and adaptations can open many doors to keep you active.
- There are many adapted sports and recreation activities already out there!
- Online searches using terms such as:
   'adapted \_\_\_\_\_' or 'modified \_\_\_\_\_'
- Reach out to rehab centers, your healthcare team, support groups, scouts and other volunteer groups.



#### **Stay Cool!**

- Cool prior to exposure to heat
- Hydrate (cold water)
- Cooling devices (vests, neck wraps, wrist and ankle wraps, hats, bras, belts, etc.)
- Consider time of day/weather
- Frozen fruit for snack
- Clothing choices and layers
- Bring ice packs and coolers
- Personal fans and misting fans
- Plan the rout with shady spots



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#### **Topics to Avoid in Groups and Chat**

Sharing medication experiences is OK; recommending medications or interventions to others <u>is not.</u>

Can Do MS endorses early treatment, but does not endorse any specific medications.



#### **Get To Know Your Group**

#### **Today's Format:**

- Same small breakout groups
- Remember to respect confidentiality
- Allow everyone the opportunity to share

#### **Introduce Yourself**

- First name
- Where from
- Years living with MS
- Person with MS or support partner
- Use ONE WORD to describe how you feel about planning for a summer activity?

Have fun and enjoy one another!



#### **Group Discussion #1**

 What events or activities are you looking forward to participating in this summer?

What are you unsure about participating in this summer?



#### **Group Discussion #2**

 What are some adaptations, modifications, or strategies that have helped you stay active?





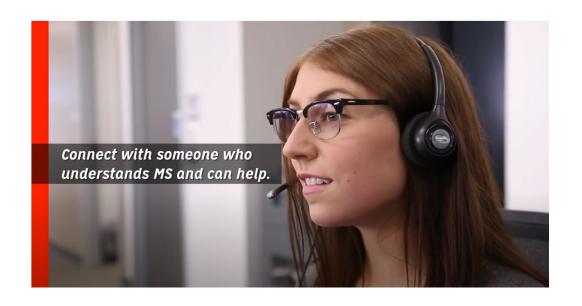
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> COACHING – June 22 Recharge Your Motivation to Stay Active

