



COVID RESPONSE ADVISORY TEAM

Sara Lovett, Northwest Region District Epidemiologist at the Minnesota Department of Health

Sara is an experienced epidemiologist and expert researcher in Infectious Diseases/Disease Surveillance, Maternal and Child Health, Social Determinants of Health, Mortality/Child Fatalities, Injury, Violence, and Social Services relationship to community health outcomes and specifically child health outcomes. She has COVID-19 expertise and leadership in high impact settings, case investigation/contact tracing, mortality, impact to chronic disease, and vaccine effectiveness research in healthcare. Sara is a JCC fitness member and the aunt of an ECC graduate and current Camp Butwin camper.

Kara Pacala, MD

Kara is a family medicine physician and assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health in University of Minnesota Medical School. Her clinical expertise is in urban community health, and she has more than 20 years of experience providing care for patients from the prenatal period to the end of life. Kara was a JCC Teen Director (in the early 1990's) and more recently, her children attended the Minneapolis ECC and Camp Olami.

Roz Segal, Administrator at the University of Minnesota Medical School

Roz is the president of the Minnesota JCC board. Roz previously served on the St. Paul JCC board was a key leader on the Steering Committee that led the combination effort of the St. Paul and Minneapolis JCCs. She also has served on the St. Paul Jewish Federation board, the Herzl Camp board and is a past president of the Temple of Aaron. Roz has two grown sons that grew up at the JCC from ECC to Camp Butwin to afterschool care to basketball, lifeguarding, and working at camp.

Amy Spencer, Founder and Principal of Evo Communications.

Amy is the founder Evo Communications, a virtual agency of independent corporate communicators who provide flexible communications services to a wide range of businesses. Prior to founding Evo Communications in 2017, Amy spent more than 20 years in agency and corporate communications leadership roles at Kohler, Target and United Health Group. Amy and her husband Mark both grew up at the St. Paul JCC and her kids attended Camp Olami.

David Waytz, Attorney, Shareholder & Human Resources Specialist at Fredrickson & Byron P.A.,

David is a skilled advice lawyer and litigator who counsels employers on tough employment issues and works with businesses to prevent trade secret theft and unfair competition. David also helps employers manage risk and works to ensure that his clients stay on top of the rapidly changing employment law landscape. Prior to joining Fredrikson & Byron's Employment and Labor Group, David worked in Washington, D.C., as a national security analyst. David has been a key human resources legal advisor to the JCC since 2018.

Minnesota JCC Staff:

Stephanie Chauss, Chief Executive Officer
Soni Cohen, Marketing and Communications Director
Jennifer Hladik, Chief Advancement Officer
Seth Ozer, Facilities Director and Security Officer