

## Post-COVID Tourism Recovery Marketing Strategy

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MOTIVATION	<b>SUPPORT</b> our partners who are still offering grab-and-go services and help others stay connected to consumers.	<b>ENSURE</b> people know what's open/when and encourage them to consider visiting tourism partners as they reopen.	<b>INSPIRE</b> both residents and non-residents to consider Connecticut when they're ready to venture out this summer — or into the fall.
MARKETS/ MINDSETS	Mix of in-state and out-of-state people feeling stressed, worried	Mix of in-state and out-of-state  people eager to get out of the house, but still apprehensive about being in large groups	Mix of in-state and out-of-state  some looking for things to do now or in the future — but not eager to travel overseas
MESSAGES	Here is some practical information you can use to get a meal to go (and support your local restaurants).  Here are some fun diversions to help you escape (at least virtually)!	Here's what's open now — and why you should make a special point to come visit now.	TWO CONCURRENT MESSAGING STREAMS:  For those making immediate plans: new reasons to visit Connecticut now  For those still apprehensive about going out yet: more reasons to visit Connecticut in fall

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METHODS	Distribute COVID-appropriate content  on CTvisit.com through social media (Facebook) though PR pitches  Partner with regions to continue to collect partners to include/feature in this content.	Work with regions to continue to collect, then distribute transition-appropriate content:  on CTvisit.com through social media (Facebook + NEW Instagram and Snapchat) through PR pitches  Add in: trial of social media messenger platforms; search to target "Hand Raisers."	Collaborate with regions to launch NEW CREATIVE PLATFORM with unifying theme. Promote on CTvisit.com and • through social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, + NEW Pinterest) • though PR pitches • through search to target "hand raisers." Add in: • new programmatic digital video; • streaming audio on Pandora and Spotify.  20% Streaming 30% Audio 35% Digital Video 15% Search