A call many have longed to hear: ‘Play Ball’

Players agree to health and safety protocols; season to start in late July with raft of new rules

By Michael Silverman
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The 2020 baseball season finally became official late Friday night, its launch date scheduled for July 23 or 24, its pay scale for players determined.

The announcement allowed Major League Baseball to swing away with its first taste at their own labor battle and the ongoing crisis jostling the sport. Now, COVID-19, which stopped spring training, is the only force that can scrub the schedule.

The announcement, however, came only after more drama. The owners and players, needing more time to work out health and safety protocols, delivered a

final note

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The State of Emergency, which closed state-related businesses for 10 days on March 15, was extended to 15 days on Friday, a reminder to turn off lights to keep electricity bills down. Some residents will have to turn off lights to keep their electricity bill down. Some residents will have to turn off lights to keep their electricity bill down.

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SOURCE:

2020 George Floyd

Support strong for Black activism

Poll shows Mass. residents believe racism is systemic

By Victoria McGrane and Daisia Moore

The Boston Police Department spent more than $200,000 to arm officers with military-style equipment, including sniper rifles, during the first five months of 2020, and finally some purchases as documents released to the public due to the state’s coronavirus response on Wednesday: summer heat.

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Mass. residents uniformly back Black movement

One poll of American adults this month found that 91.7 percent of white people support theBlack movement, but the percentage of white people who support the Black movement varies by race. In this poll, the Black respondents were most definitive in backing the movement. In the most recent survey of Massachusetts residents, 97 percent of Black respondents said they support the Black movement.

One of the most definitive reasons why Black residents support the Black movement is because Black respondents are more likely to agree that policing is not about protecting the public, but about protecting the police. A poll of Massachusetts residents found that 85 percent of Black respondents said that policing is about protecting the police, but only 60 percent of white respondents agreed. In contrast, 85 percent of Black respondents said that policing is not about protecting the police, but about protecting the public. In a survey of Massachusetts residents, 72 percent of Black respondents said that policing is not about protecting the police, but about protecting the public.

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The shutdowns have led to a wait-and-see approach, he said. An online police department has suggested that districts should provide a range of options. That could include offering largely remote learning, partially remote, and minimally remote. “That’s part of the challenge,” said Tom Scott, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. Some families might not go back at all or take a wait-and-see approach, he said. “Then there’s a sizable number of parents insisting that their children go back.”

Some of those parents have banded together. An online petition with more than 1,000 signatures started by parents in the affluent town of Holliston, which is mostly white, asks the governor to bring students back to school full time in the fall. Billerica resident Lort Zeeuze signed the petition after receiving it by e-mail from another parent. “As much as everyone was trying, I felt like not much was accomplished,” in remote learning, said Zeeuze, who has three adopted children going into ninth and 11th grades. Toce’s 87-year-old mother survived COVID this spring, so she said she understands “it’s a scary disease.” But since young people appear to be at lower risk of getting sick, it’s a reasonable gamble in her view.

Yet Teresa Castillo of Worcester, a poll respondent who has three adopted children, said she would prefer full-time, on-demand online instruction in the fall due to health concerns. The Dominican immigrant has acquaintances across the state who have become seriously ill from the coronavirus, and she worries about the risks to her family. She fears her children, ages 9, 12, and 13, won’t wear masks at school.

Schools “shouldn’t open unprepared,” the director of the Education Trust said. “People are going to get sick,” she said. “We just need to employ all the safeguards we can, until hopefully somebody comes up with a vaccine.”

Berkeley resident Vincent Waldron said he likely won’t want his daughter to return to in-person classes at her public school. He believes his particularly vulnerable to coronavirus due to Lyme disease damaged his heart. “I don’t want to risk it,” he said. “It would be very difficult to keep her harmless.”

He wants his son to return to school full time in the fall, particularly if things go well with the Delta variant. “Things will have to figure out how to reopen schools soon,” he said. “We’ll have to figure out how to make remote learning better.”