

# GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUNDS

## Overview

This guidance is intended to support operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in private and municipal campgrounds. Campground operators must also follow the [Workplace Guidance for Business Owners](#).

## COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

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| <b>General</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place appropriate <a href="#">signage</a> around all entries and throughout the campground outlining policies and procedures such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Physical distancing expectations,</li><li>○ Hand hygiene,</li><li>○ Coughing and sneezing etiquette, and</li><li>○ Cleaning and disinfection practices.</li></ul></li><li>• Public access to any recreational amenities and facilities (such as swimming pools and interpretive centers) within the campground remains prohibited at this time.</li><li>• Businesses within a campground that sell retail items may be open and must follow all public health orders and guidelines.</li><li>• Table service in food establishments within the campground, if applicable, must follow all public health orders and guidelines.</li><li>• People whose residence is their recreational vehicle in a campground who are required to isolate or quarantine, may do so in their vehicle.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Booking</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where possible, campers should reserve their site online or by phone prior to arriving.</li><li>• For contact tracing purposes, campground owners should collect and keep on file the names and contact information for all persons staying at each campsite.</li><li>• Advise campers at the time of booking:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ They should not enter the campground if they are experiencing symptoms including cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition, or are otherwise required to isolate or quarantine (except if the park is their residence).</li><li>○ To meet physical distancing requirements, only members of the same household should stay together on a campsite.</li><li>○ Bringing alcohol-based sanitizer is recommended for hand hygiene when soap and water are not available (e.g. on a hike).</li></ul></li><li>• Campers should check in advance to see if services or facilities that would normally be available are closed, so that they can plan accordingly.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Physical Distancing</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage campers to observe gathering restrictions by staying in their own campsite unless using washrooms, showering facilities or leaving to shared public spaces such as trails.</li><li>• Close group campsites.</li><li>• Lower the number of campers by reducing the number of campsites that can be occupied or reserved.</li><li>• Limit the number of people in shared facilities such as washrooms and showers.</li><li>• Eliminate the use of public picnic shelters.</li><li>• Eliminate programming that requires people to gather, such as amphitheatre events and guided hikes.</li><li>• Close or implement appropriate risk mitigation measures in visitor centres.</li><li>• Control access to popular shared spaces such as green spaces, trails and beaches (e.g. limit parking, erect barriers, set maximum occupancy).</li><li>• Create sections in open spaces and setting limits of 15 people for each section.</li><li>• Display <a href="#">posters</a> in common spaces reminding campers of physical distancing rules (e.g. beaches, picnic areas, kitchen huts, trailheads).</li><li>• Advise campers that if an amenity is busy, such as a shower facility, picnic shelter, beach or hiking trail, it is best to come back outside of peak times or use another amenity.</li></ul> |

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| <b>Cleaning Shared Spaces and Equipment</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proper cleaning and disinfection is a critical component of preventing disease transmission, especially high-touch surfaces in shared-use facilities, such as door handles, taps, toilet flush handles and laundry machine dials and buttons.</li><li>• Institute a log of daily cleaning and keep records, including inventory of gloves, masks and supplies.</li><li>• If operators do not have staff capacity to adequately and frequently clean high-touch surfaces, operators should close non-essential facilities.</li><li>• The cleaning of essential areas, such as washrooms, garbage bins, and water pumps should be prioritized over non-essential amenities such as playgrounds, showers, picnic shelters, and comfort camping facilities (e.g. yurts).</li><li>• Picnic tables in campsites should be cleaned and disinfected by the campground staff after a camper checks out.</li><li>• Rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use (e.g., watercraft, tents, lifejackets and sports equipment) and should only be shared among members of the same household.</li><li>• Use contactless payment and avoid cash payments where possible.</li><li>• Where handwashing facilities are not available, such as in pit toilets, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be provided.</li></ul> |
| <b>Recommendations for Campers</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash or sanitize hands before and after visiting shared amenities with high-touch surfaces such as playgrounds, bear bins, self check-in stations, boat launches, docks, water fill stations, and dumping stations.</li><li>• If applicable, use washroom facilities in your recreational vehicle whenever possible to reduce traffic at shared-use facilities.</li><li>• Bring a cloth or sheet to cover the picnic table in your site before using it.</li><li>• Wear sandals or water shoes in showers.</li><li>• Dispose of trash in receptacles provided or take it with you to reduce risk for staff and other users.</li></ul>  |