

# GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUNDS

## Overview

Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order 25-2020 requires businesses and entities to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply, to the extent possible, with any applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: [alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx](https://alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx).

Where any part of this guidance is inconsistent or in conflict with enhanced or stronger public health restrictions set out in another CMOH Order, the enhanced or stronger public health measures would prevail. Operators are also required to follow the [General Operational Guidance](#) and any other applicable CMOH orders.

This document has been developed to support operators of private and municipal campgrounds in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including campers, workers, volunteers, and the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention measures, specific to private and municipal campgrounds.

In all settings, it is important that measures are implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to ensuring: physical distancing, barrier use (where appropriate), proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, records management and building maintenance (e.g., ventilation).

## COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

<b>General Guidance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Campgrounds can be open to public access for household use.</li><li>• Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be available throughout campground premises.</li><li>• Operators must remind all visitors to check themselves before attending the campground for symptoms of COVID-19 using the <a href="#">Alberta Health Daily Checklist</a>.</li><li>• To support public health contact tracing efforts in the event that an attendee tests positive, operators should consider collecting the names and contact information of attendees.</li><li>• The operator/organizer must have plans for a rapid response if an attendee becomes symptomatic while at the campground. For more information on what this must include, see the <a href="#">General Operational Guidance</a>.</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></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Campsites can only be rented to individuals from the same household.</li> <li>● Use contactless payment and avoid cash payments where possible.</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 COVID-19 symptoms and they are required to isolate.</li> <li>○ Only members of the same household should stay together on a campsite.</li> <li>○ Bring alcohol-based sanitizer is recommended for hand hygiene when soap and water are not available.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Physical Distancing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Campsites should be spaced out to ensure that different households can maintain 2 metres' distance from each other at all times.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If campsites are too close together for physical distancing between camping parties, operators should consider shutting every second campsite or establishing barriers between campsites.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Operators must remind attendees that they are required to maintain 2 metres' distancing at all times from people who are not part of their household, in all areas of the campground.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Posting capacity limits for shared facilities such as cooking shelters, washrooms and showers.</li> <li>○ Create sections in open spaces and set capacity limits for each section.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Cleaning Shared Spaces and Equipment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Operators should follow cleaning and disinfecting practices described in the COVID-19 <a href="#">General Operational Guidance</a>. In addition, operators should:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keep washrooms (staff and public) clean and well-stocked with soap and paper towels.</li> <li>○ Provide ample waste disposal options in both public and staff-only areas.</li> <li>○ Consider closing high traffic facilities that cannot be frequently cleaned.</li> <li>○ Clean and disinfect picnic tables after a camper checks out.</li> <li>○ Cleaning and disinfecting rental equipment after each use (e.g., watercraft, tents, lifejackets and sports equipment) and should only be shared among members of the same household.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Soft-surface items, or other items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected should be isolated for a period of 24 hours.</li> <li>● Where handwashing facilities are not available, such as in pit toilets, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be provided, if not already the practice of the campground.</li> <li>● Water fountains can be made available for public use as outlined in the <a href="#">General Operational Guidance</a>.</li> </ul>

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<b>Food Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where possible and appropriate, operators should encourage campers to consume food at their campsite or away from other campers.</li><li>• Food service and sale businesses located in campgrounds, or serving campers must follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Food Service and Sales</a>.</li><li>• Operators that offer indoor and outdoor dining facilities (e.g., dining halls, kitchen huts) must follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Food Service and Sales</a> to determine if these facilities can be open and what rules diners must follow.</li><li>• Individuals and households should wash or remove their own dishes.</li><li>• If bear bins are provided, sharing of individual bins between households should be discouraged.</li><li>• Campers should be reminded to sanitize their hands before and after touching shared surfaces or equipment.</li></ul>
<b>Recreational Activities and Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recreational facilities and programming at campgrounds must follow <a href="#">applicable guidance</a>:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Playgrounds, pools and other fitness and recreational facilities may be open to public access so long as operators follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Sport, Fitness and Recreation</a>.</li><li>○ Sport, fitness and recreation activities must follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Sport, Fitness and Recreation</a>.</li><li>○ Performance activities and facilities must follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Performing Arts</a>.</li></ul></li><li>• Campground operators must follow the <a href="#">Guidance for Gatherings, Meetings, and Seated Audience Settings</a>, and ensure that attendees are aware of the rules for social gatherings.</li></ul>
<b>Retail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operators with retail areas, such as those where accessories and clothing are sold, should refer to the <a href="#">Guidance for Retail Businesses</a>.</li></ul>

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed.

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