

**To: All Central Zone Municipalities – COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Private and Municipality Operated Campgrounds**

To assist Municipalities and provide information to protect the health and the well-being of your residents we are providing you with recommendations on campground use. **Please be advised that these are recommendations and are subject to change.**

**Until further notice, Alberta Health Services recommends that privately owned and municipally operated campgrounds in the province of Alberta follow the precedent set by Alberta Parks and the National Parks and remain closed for the upcoming 2020 season due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.**

Only facilities that offer long term residency (greater than 4 weeks) and where the sites are primary accommodation for users should consider remaining open. Those that remain open should only open to long term, essential use.

**Campgrounds that remain open should only do so under the following practices:**

- Self-contained camping only. Including own continuous water supply (e.g. connected to municipal service), sewage holding tanks or otherwise connected to sewage services, and personal washroom facilities such as RV's and travel trailers.
  - Close all shared washroom facilities including showers.
- Laundry facilities must be restricted to a single user at a time and high touch surfaces must be disinfected between uses. Users should avoid shaking of dirty laundry prior to washing.
- Water fill stations must be controlled by the operator practicing proper precautions.
- Campground capacity limited to 50%, utilizing every other campsite for spacing. Only one camping unit per site.
- Exceptions to 50% spacing may be considered for properties with sites that are greater than 9 meters (30 ft) wide and for properties where the sites are individually owned or on long term leases.
- Group camping is prohibited.
- Common buildings should be closed and recreational activities including but not limited to: playgrounds, swimming pools, water spray parks, water activities, boat rentals, train/tractor rides, hay rides, mini golf, games rooms, arcades, go-karts, amusement rides, gym facilities, and group sports/courts and any rental equipment are prohibited.
- Organized activities such as bingo, karaoke, exercise classes, garage sales and the use of social halls are prohibited.
- Social gatherings such as group bonfires, potlucks, happy hour, etc. are prohibited.
- Beaches to be assessed closer to bathing season.

- Avoid direct contact with campers (e.g. remote check in).
- Provide information to campers about social distancing during check-in and check-out times. Post [signage](#) with rules and COVID precautions.
- Residents who are required to self-isolate due to international travel, contacts or symptoms must stay in their RV or on their own campsite/pad.
- Cleaning and disinfecting must occur according to a defined schedule and following AHS [environmental cleaning recommendations](#). High touch surfaces are a priority for cleaning and disinfection.

### General Cleaning

- Increase daily cleaning and disinfection of common areas and high-touch surfaces. Pay particular attention to surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, taps, sinks, and counters.
- Cleaning refers to the removal of visible dirt, grime and impurities. Cleaning does not kill germs but helps remove them from the surface.
- Disinfecting refers to using chemical to kill germs on surfaces. This is most effective after surfaces are cleaned. Both steps are important to reduce the spread of infection.
- Use a disinfectant that has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and a virucidal claim. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to disinfect effectively.
- Alternatively, you can make a 1000ppm bleach water solution by mixing 20 ml (4 teaspoons) of unscented, household bleach with 1000 ml (4 cups) of water. Ensure the surface remains wet with the bleach water solution for 1 minute.

For more information on COVID-19 please visit: [ahs.ca/covid](https://ahs.ca/covid).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your district Public Health Inspector. If you do not know the contact details of your district Public Health Inspector, you can call either of these two numbers: **1-866-654-7890** or **1-877-360-6366**.

Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

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