

# GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL CAMPGROUNDS

## Overview

Under current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, businesses and entities are required 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 the [COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance](#), this guidance, and any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

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

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed. Current information related to COVID-19 can be found: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>

## COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

<b>General Guidance</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) may be allowed so long as it is not prohibited by <a href="#">public health order</a>, and the operator follows the <a href="#">applicable guidelines</a>.</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 <a href="#">public health orders</a>, the <a href="#">COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance</a>, and <a href="#">applicable guidelines</a>.</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><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.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For private and municipal campgrounds, this includes staff, workers and volunteers on shift. Where feasible to do so, and particularly for personal</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<p>services and group events, it should also include patrons/customers/the general public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Providing information is voluntary for attendees. An organization must obtain an individual's consent and notify them about the purpose and legal authority for the collection.</li><li>○ Information about attendees will only be requested by Alberta Health Services if a potential exposure occurs onsite.</li><li>○ Records should only be kept for two weeks. An organization must make reasonable security arrangements to protect the personal information.</li><li>○ Any personal information that is collected for COVID-19 contact tracing can only be used for this purpose, unless an individual provides their consent.</li><li>○ For more information, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has released Pandemic FAQ: Customer Lists about collecting personal information from customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li><li>○ For questions about operator obligations under PIPA, please contact the FOIP-PIPA Help Desk by phone at 780-427-5848 or by email at <a href="mailto:sa.accessandprivacy@gov.ab.ca">sa.accessandprivacy@gov.ab.ca</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><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 or cohort family 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>	<p>Physical distancing means maintaining a distance of at least 2 metres between attendees who are not from the same household at all times. Consider the following controls to encourage physical distancing between attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● For gatherings, follow <a href="#">current restrictions</a>.</li><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>● Use of group campsites is permitted, so long as the number of occupants does not exceed 100, and physical distancing can be maintained between all occupants.</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• The number of people who can be in public picnic shelters at one time, with social distancing between everyone who is not from the same households or cohort family, must not exceed 50.</li> <li>• Ensure programming participants follows restrictions for gathering: up to 100 people in a seated, audience format; or groups of over 100 outdoors or 50 indoors.</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 100 people for each section.</li> <li>• Display posters 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>
<p><b>Cleaning Shared Spaces and Equipment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper cleaning and disinfecting 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>
<p><b>Recommendations for Campers</b></p>	<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> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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> |
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