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Privately owned and operated campgrounds serving Ohio's recreational needs

Phase One Safety Recommendations for Ohio's Private Campgrounds

Guest and employee safety are the top priority of Ohio's private campgrounds and always has been. Department of Health regulations requiring social distancing of sites and even stricter policies by individual campgrounds limiting the number of people per site were put in place long before COVID19. In the interest of public health, campgrounds provide the ideal social distancing arrangement for temporary and long-term lodging. RVs are self-contained and RVers travel with their own linens and personal items and RVs have their own kitchen, bathroom, living area, and bedrooms. Campgrounds are most often located in a country setting on many acres of land and provide guests a safe place to enjoy the outdoors in isolation.

Though campground rules inherently follow many of the social distancing measures put in place by the Governor already, we can do even more under the current climate to protect the guests and employees by temporarily closing or limiting certain activities and interactions. Below are recommended protocols for private campgrounds to follow for enhanced safety during the initial *Phase One* of re-opening Ohio beginning May 1, 2020:

Phase One: Temporary Closures

- Non-essential buildings and amenities such as pavilion rental, recreation centers, gyms, swimming ponds, swimming pools, playgrounds, jump pads/pillows, go-karts, pedal-karts, game rooms, basketball, volleyball, gaga ball should remain closed.
- Group activities should not be allowed.
- Campgrounds might consider lifting these temporary closures in working with their local boards of health or as the Governor begins to lift restrictions placed on similar activities/businesses

Phase One: Open with limitations

- Bathhouses and showers should limit the number of users at any one time based on the Governor's social distancing guidelines and should be cleaned/sanitized per CDC recommended protocol and schedule.
- Snack bars and restaurants should be open for takeout and delivery orders only and follow social distancing guidelines.
- All self-service food stations (for example soda and slushie machines and grab-and-go sandwiches/food) should instead be served by an employee or closed.
- Camp stores should be open for firewood, groceries, and other essential supplies. Demo toys should be removed. Campgrounds should use the Governor's social distancing guidelines to limit the total number of customers allowed in the store at any one time.
- Hiking, walking, fishing, biking and enjoying other outdoor activities as encouraged by the Governor can be accomplished while social distancing.
- Dog Parks should use the Governor's social distancing guidelines to limit the total number of pet owners allowed in at any one time.
- Laundry Facilities should limit the total number of users at any one time based on the Governor's social distancing guidelines and should be cleaned/sanitized using CDC protocol and schedule
- Propane Filling Station should follow social distancing guidelines and pumps should be cleaned/sanitized using CDC protocol and schedule

Phase One: Social Distancing Expectations for Guest Safety

- Check-in remotely via web or phone prior to arrival; curbside check-in; or use the Governor's social distancing guidelines to limit the total number of customers allowed at the check-in area at any one time
- Follow social distancing requirements of at least 6 feet between all guests and employees.
- Only one family household should occupy each site, with a limit for any campsite to fewer than 10 people.
- Guests should bring trash bags, food, and supplies with them from home
- Whenever possible, leave empty sites between neighbors
- Advise guests to use the shower and bathrooms in their camping units if equipped.
- Visitors should not be allowed
- Masks should be made available to guests entering common spaces or encourage guests to wear their own mask
- Guests should sign an agreement that they will follow guest safety procedures and if they choose not to follow park guidelines, they may be asked to leave without a refund.

Phase One: Employee Safety

- Employees who are feeling sick should be instructed to stay home.
- Employee work stations should be at least six feet apart.
- Employee golf carts, keys, tools, break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas must be cleaned and disinfected per CDC recommended protocol and schedule.
- Employees should wear clean masks and gloves especially when interacting with guests and other employees
- Allow ample opportunities for employees to wash and sanitize their hands
- Plan for staggered employee entry, arrival and departure and staggered breaks to avoid crowds
- Identify a Staff Public Safety team to identify safety concerns; suggest additional measures; make ongoing improvements to your safety plan
- Devise wellness checks for employees when they arrive for work (for example ask if they have developed any symptoms, been travelling, temperature checks, etc.)

Phase One: Other Sanitary and Social Distancing Protocol

- Post signage with the Social Distancing Protocol at each public entrance to the facility.
- Copies of sanitation protocol should be posted and distributed to every employee.
- Make hand sanitizer, soap, and water, or effective disinfectant available to the public at or near the entrance of the facility and at any locations where people have direct interactions and near high-touch surfaces.
- Follow CDC guidelines and have a process and schedule in place for sanitizing and disinfecting sites, restroom and shower facilities, laundry facilities, propane stations, other common areas and any high-touch surfaces
- Plan for excessive cleaning in all high traffic areas and surfaces
- Delivery protocols should be in place - no contact deliveries; working with vendors to digitally accept deliveries; maintain proper social distancing requirements when accepting deliveries
- Barriers should be installed in areas where distancing is not possible