Campground Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are campgrounds able to reopen?**
  
  No, recreational camping at campgrounds who rent to individuals who otherwise have a primary residence and are traveling to the campground for non-COVID-19-related purposes are not permitted under this order.

- **Are there exceptions that will allow campgrounds to be used?**
  
  Yes, in some limited cases where individuals were already residing in the campground prior to the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order or anyone seeking shelter during the current pandemic or individuals involved with COVID-19 mitigation and containment efforts.

- **When will campgrounds be able to reopen?**
  
  The current “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order (2020-96) is set to expire May 28th, 2020, at 11:59 pm. However, future Executive Orders may extend that date and outline other restrictions.

- **Can staff begin preparations for opening?**
  
  Yes, staff who are needed to prepare the campground for opening are considered critical infrastructure workers. The number of staff must be limited to only those individuals that are needed to conduct the minimum amount of work necessary to prepare the campground for opening. The campground owners/managers must determine which workers are “necessary” and designate each employee in writing. Work must be performed while practicing social distancing measures and other mitigation factors.

- **Is there guidance on the safety precautions that should be implemented at our campground?**
  
  It is anticipated that when campgrounds are allowed to open, they will need to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan as has been required for other businesses by Executive Order 2020-97. Each campground’s operation is unique; therefore, you will need a plan that is tailored to your campground’s particular circumstances and which is consistent with Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) guidance (see link below). Development of a plan will allow you to look closely at every aspect of your campground and identify areas where social distancing precautions should be implemented. Below are links that can be used to help develop your preparedness and response plan.
  
  - AVRC reopening campgrounds
  - OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
  - CDC “Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines”
• **If an employee contracts COVID-19, when can they return to work?**
  The CDC guidelines state that individuals can leave at home isolation if at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)) **AND** at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared OR the results of two (2) consecutive FDA approved COVID-19 tests (collected a minimum of twenty-four hours apart) are both negative. These CDC guidelines can be found at [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html).

• **Are employees who came in contact with an employee or guest with COVID-19 required to self-quarantine?**
  Yes, any employee who came in close contact (defined as being less than 6 feet in distance from the individual for 10 minutes or longer) with the infected individual must self-isolate until they meet the CDC guidelines for leaving home isolation.

• **What should I do if a camper tests positive for COVID-19?**
  Have a written plan outlining your response if guests become ill. Isolate guests or employees who have had close contact with the infected individual. Contact the health department to report the illness, so that contact tracing can begin. If the guest lives at the campground, they are required to isolate at the campsite for 14 days or have medical clearance from a doctor.
  *You have the right to refuse service to a guest who appears to be ill at check-in.

• **What safety precautions should be put in place for employees and guests when we do reopen?**
  The development of a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan for your campground will help to identify areas where guest use should be limited or prohibited (ex. pavilions, playgrounds, beaches, etc.), areas that will need increased sanitation efforts, needed social distancing policies and procedures for staff and guests, and what type of Personal Protective Equipment (ex. face masks, gloves, etc.) will be needed, and much more.

• **What protective equipment should be worn by employees who interact with guests?**
  Employees who cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other individuals should wear a protective face covering. Proper face coverings range from surgical masks and cloth masks. Instructions on how to make, use, and clean face masks can be found in our BLDHD Business Toolkit. Those employees who cannot consistently maintain three feet of separation from other individuals should also consider wearing a face shield for added protection.