

Campground Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are campgrounds able to reopen?**

Yes, recreational camping at campgrounds is permitted under [Executive Order 2020-110](#).

- **What health and safety precautions do I need in place before reopening?**

To open your facility, all the requirements in [Executive Order 2020-97](#) (*Safeguards to protect Michigan's workers from COVID-19*) that are applicable to your business must be implemented. Per E.O. 2020-110, you must also “make any reasonable modifications necessary to enable employees and patrons not part of the same household to maintain six feet of distance from one another, and provided that areas in which social distancing cannot be maintained be closed”.

- **Is there guidance on the safety precautions that should be implemented at our campground?**

Per Executive Order 2020-97, each campground owner/manager will need to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan. 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 must be implemented. Below are links that can be used to help develop a preparedness and response plan.

[AVRC reopening campgrounds](#)

[OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)

[CDC “Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines”](#)

- **Can we host social gatherings and events?**

Yes*, with restrictions. However, indoor recreation facilities (see examples below) must remain closed for use and occupancy. The restrictions are:

- ☞ **“Indoor** social gatherings and events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but may not exceed 10 people”.
- ☞ **Outdoor** social gatherings and events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but only if “the gathering or event does not exceed 100 people” and “people not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another”.
- ☞ **Outdoor** recreation can resume (subject to the social gathering number restrictions) but participants not from the same household must always maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times during activities. Also, the sharing of equipment and supplies must be kept to the minimum extent possible and be thoroughly disinfected and cleaned frequently.
- ☞ ***Indoor** facilities like gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, sports facilities, exercise facilities, game rooms, etc. must still remain closed for use and occupancy.

- **Can the Bath House(s) and Restrooms be opened?**

Yes, however, if your campground has all self-contained RVs, it is recommended you consider keeping all communal bath houses closed during the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain social distancing.

If you have guests that need to use the communal bath house(s), you will need to implement a plan that meets the executive order requirements for social distancing and CDC recommendations for frequency of cleaning. The National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds' guidance document, [Re-Opening RV Parks and Campgrounds](#) (pages 9 & 10), is an excellent tool to use when developing a plan for addressing your facilities bath house and restroom situation.

- **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.

- **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 EPA 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>.

- **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.

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