



Massachusetts Department of Public Health

OPERATING CAMPGROUNDS IN PHASE 2

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Reopening Standards for Campgrounds in Phase 2

All campgrounds must meet the regulations set forth in 105 CMR 440.000 and follow the guidance administered by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA):

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/workplace-safety-and-reopening-standards-for-campgrounds-phase-ii/download>

Capacity

- Managers determine the reduced capacity rate based on:
 - Need to maintain 6' social distancing in outdoor areas
 - 20 feet of spacing between campsites
 - Measured by the closest edge of each neighboring site (closest tent peg, or able fire ring)
 - Use of bathroom facilities in a way that doesn't compromise social distancing protocols
- Maximum of 10 people per campsite
- No guests allowed

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Social Distancing

- Visitors and staff must maintain social distancing
- Visitors who are members of a group staying at the same campsite are not required to social distance.
- No activities between or among campsite groups

Face Coverings

- Staff must wear masks/face coverings while visiting campsites and while in the campground
- Visitors must wear a face mask while away from their campsite
- *Exceptions for wearing masks:*
 - Under 2 years of age
 - Medical condition
 - Rely on lip-reading

Staff Operations

- If staff are feeling ill, they should not report to work if they are symptomatic
- If staff test positive they may not return until they meet criteria for discontinuing isolation and consulted with a healthcare provider
- Working with LBOH or MDPH to identify close contacts
- Close off all areas visited by ill person, increase ventilation to area
- Wait 24 hours, or as long as possible to clean and disinfect area
 - Pay close attention to high touch surface areas

Campground Facilities and Activities

- Camp store may operate in accordance with retail guidelines
- Recreation Halls, Visitor Centers, Fitness Centers, Indoor Common Areas must remain closed
- Laundry may open, high touch surfaces must be disinfected daily
- Picnic and grill areas can open if sanitization occurs between use and social distancing can occur
- Fishing, biking, hiking are allowed provided social distancing can occur
- Bike, Boat and other rentals can occur if equipment is sanitized between users

Campground Facilities and Activities

- Pools, Beaches, Playgrounds and Outdoor Recreation can open as long as they are following the appropriate guidance and meeting the standards set forth in the regulations
 - Pools: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-public-and-semi-public-swimming-pools/download>
 - Beaches: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-coastal-and-inland-beaches-phase-ii/download>
 - Playgrounds: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-standards-for-playgrounds-spray-decks-and-outdoor-fitness-areas/download>
 - Outdoor Recreation: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/outdoor-adult-sports-supervised-youth-sports-leagues-summer-sports-camps/download>

Campground Operations

- Managers must post signage to communicate the need for social distancing, frequent hand hygiene and wearing facial coverings while in public spaces and limited activities and use of facilities
- Managers must set, post and monitor occupancy limits for bathrooms in order to maintain 6' social distancing
- Log people who are coming into the campground to enable contact tracing, at least 1 person from the campsite should be logged in
 - Name, email, phone number

Hygiene and Cleaning

- All high touch areas must be cleaned daily:
 - workstations, door handles, water spigots, dishwashing stations, restrooms:
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/eea-covid-19-cleaning-of-restrooms-best-practices-5-18-20/download>
- Self contained rentals must be cleaned by campground staff prior to new occupancy
- Staff should not share communication devices or equipment, work gloves, or vehicles with employees or visitors, however if it must be shared proper sanitization and cleaning shall occur in between use
- Campground operator shall ensure there are handwashing facilities on site with running water and soap and allow staff frequent breaks to wash hands
 - Alcohol based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol may be used as an alternative

Hygiene and Cleaning

- Primitive or backcountry campgrounds, (provide no traditional campground facilities except privies)
 - Provide visitors with info on social distancing and sanitation protocols
 - Self sanitization of shared surfaces, like food storage containers and privies

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