

# Capacity Assessment Key Findings

## FAMILY TYPE CAMPGROUNDS

In the fall of 2022, the Office of Local and Regional Health conducted a Capacity Assessment of local health departments in Massachusetts to evaluate local public health's current ability to provide basic public health services based on their available resources, including staffing levels, funding, and training. The first-ever Massachusetts Local Public Health Performance Standards, which defined basic levels of services and workforce credentials and training, framed the assessment. As part of this assessment, a qualitative review of documentation submitted by municipalities was conducted, focusing on various subject areas to evaluate the implementation of crucial public health services.

The family type campground documents included inspections and associated follow-up for 2018, 2019, and 2021.



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### UNDERSTANDING COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY TYPE CAMPGROUND INSPECTIONS

**Inspectors must be well-versed in several chapters of the state sanitary code to identify violations to effectively inspect a family type campground.**

- Requires an understanding of what and how to inspect the establishments and the importance of compliance with the Family Type Campground regulations.
- Critical elements of the family type campground inspections include ensuring debris is cut back six feet from an open fire pit, the area is free of poison ivy, there is potable water, and lavatories and dumping stations are maintained.



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### INCREASED FAMILY TYPE CAMPGROUND INSPECTIONS

**Both from the standpoint of the reviewers and the low submission rate of 14%, there is a clear indication that family type campground inspections may not currently be carried out as required.**

- It is essential to increase awareness of the necessity of these inspections among local public health, especially considering they do not have mandatory reporting requirements.



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### STANDARDIZED DOCUMENTATION & TRAINING

**There is an opportunity for additional training regarding the guidelines and procedures for conducting thorough family type campground inspections.**

- The Training Hubs have the opportunity to lead the development of a standardized checklist and procedures for inspections.
- Family type campground inspections usually involve various inspections. These inspections typically cover a semi-public swimming pool, retail food facilities (if available), and, in some cases, public water supply inspections for campgrounds with well water sources. Additionally, campgrounds must assess and regularly inspect their on-site septic systems, including periodic complete Title 5 inspections, and where applicable, ensure bathing beaches and food code regulations are enforced.

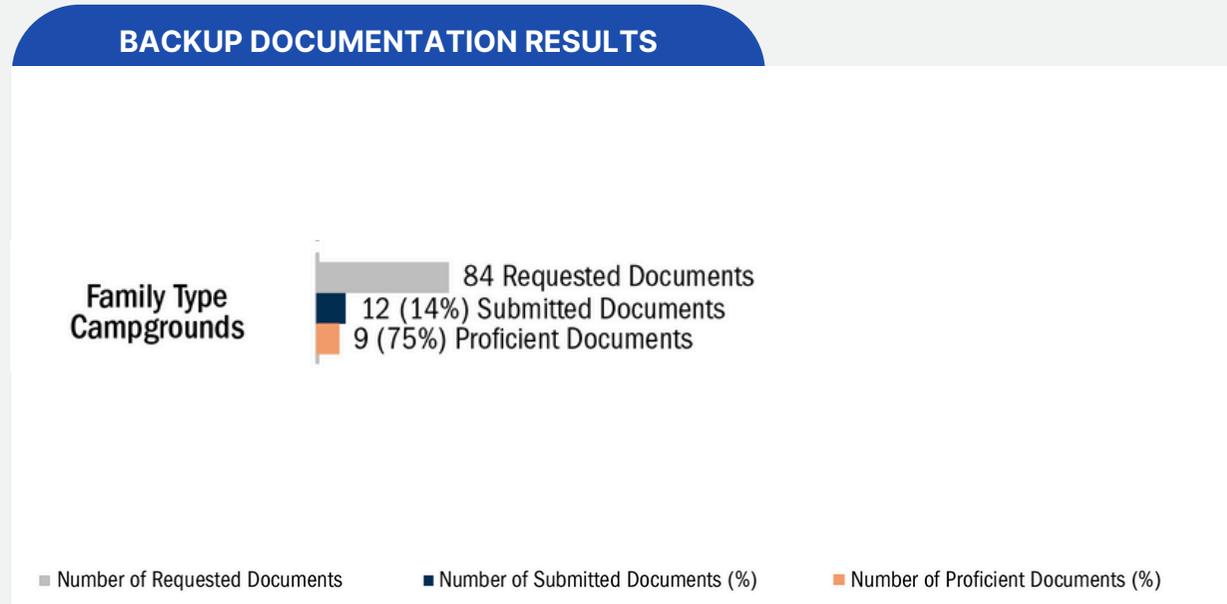


**Effective family type campground inspection documentation should encompass standardized checklists, clear procedural guidelines, and a system for thoroughly recording findings.**

# Family Type Campgrounds Qualitative Findings

The tables below outline the reasons the family type campground document submissions did not meet the proficiency standard. **The most frequently selected evaluation criteria are bolded in red and ordered by frequency from greatest to least.**

The figure to the right presents the percentage of submitted documents and their proficiency for the family type campgrounds category.



### FTC INSPECTIONS FOR 2018/19/21

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Form insufficient or not approved
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