MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

WORKPLACE SAFETY and REOPENING STANDARDS FOR CAMPGROUNDS - Phase IV, Step 1

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the authority granted to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 66 to issue workplace safety standards for operators of and participants in outdoor recreational activities, the following guidelines apply to Campgrounds as part of Phase IV, Step 1 of the Commonwealth's reopening.

In Phase IV, Step 1, Campgrounds are permitted to operate subject to the limitations set forth below.

This document provides guidance for how to implement general workplace safety standards and other public health guidance ("COVID-19 measures") in the context of outdoor recreational operations in Phase IV of the Commonwealth's reopening. Operators who fail to implement applicable COVID-19 measures may be sanctioned in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 66. Operators are further reminded that in addition to implementing COVID-19 measures in Phase IV, they must still comply with all federal, state and local laws.

These guidelines shall apply to any campgrounds administered by private, municipal, state and non- or for-profit managers as well as primitive campsites accessible only by hiking or paddling trails.

The public health data and guidance on which this document is based can and does change frequently. The most recent version of this document can be found on the Commonwealth's website, http://www.mass.gov/

LIMITATIONS ON OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

In Phase IV, Step 1, operators of campgrounds are permitted to operate camping for tents, self-contained recreational vehicles (RVs), trailers, motorhomes, non-self-contained campers, cabins, campsites accessed by trail or water (these may include privies, primitive cabins, lean-tos or tent platforms), and other rental accommodations provided by the campground. Managers of campgrounds shall determine the appropriate capacity for each campground based on a configuration that allows for: (i) social distance between individuals, (ii) at least 20 feet of spacing between campsites, and (iii) use of bathroom facilities in a manner that will not result in compromising social distancing protocols.

Visitor centers, campground offices, and other indoor common areas may open at 50% capacity.

In order to ensure social distancing among groups staying in different campsites, campsites must be spaced no less than 20 feet apart as measured by the closest edge of each neighboring site (which could include for example, but is not limited to, closest tent peg, picnic table or fire ring).

Organizers of athletic and recreational sports activities, including but not limited to any competitive leagues, education or 'learn to' programs (including private and semi-private lessons), competitions, shows or tournaments, must also comply with the *Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities*, as well as any other sector or activity-specific guidance and social distancing protocols.

Campground operators must ensure compliance with any other applicable industry-specific standards that applies to a relevant aspect of their facility or venue including but not limited to:

- *Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities* for any athletic and recreational sports activities, including but not limited to any competitive leagues, education or 'learn to' programs (including private and semi-private lessons), competitions, shows or tournaments
- *Safety Standards for Theaters and Performance Venues* and *Indoor and Outdoor Event Standard* for those facilities that can accommodate private events or performances as part of their indoor or outdoor recreation operations;
- *Restaurant Standards* for on-site dining, concession, and other food services;
- *Retail Standard* for those businesses offering on-site retail and other similar services;
- *Museum and Cultural and Historical Facilities and Guided Tours Standard* for those campgrounds that offer guided tours or walking tours;
- *Fitness Centers and Health Clubs Standard* for those campgrounds that have an on-site fitness facility;
- *Safety Standards for Public and Semi-Public Pools* for facilities with an indoor or outdoor pool;
- *Safety Standards for Coastal and Inland Beaches* for facilities with access to beaches;
- *Safety Standards for Playgrounds, Spray Decks and Outdoor Fitness Areas* for campgrounds that have access to playgrounds; and
- Any other sector-specific and recommended best practices in the *Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplace*.

If applicable, campgrounds must comply with DPH Regulation 105 CMR 440.000: Minimum Standards for Developed Family Type Campgrounds (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VI) and must be inspected and licensed by Local Boards of Health.

In addition to complying with the aforementioned limitations, operators must implement the following safety measures detailed below.

In addition, campgrounds must adhere to the following safety protocols:

I. Social Distancing

- Overall campground capacity must be managed to accommodate adequate social distancing campsite distance, and bathroom capacity, based on an assessment by the campground manager.
- Visitors and employees must abide by social distancing protocols. Visitors and staff and individuals from different campsite groups must remain 6 feet apart at all times. Visitors who are members of a group staying at the same campsite are not required to social distance from each other.
- Remote payment and credit card transactions are encouraged.
- Purchases from a front office/camp store such as firewood and propane shall comply with applicable retail guidelines.
- Campground managers must set, post and monitor (to the extent feasible) occupancy limits for bathrooms, visitor centers, and other indoor areas.
- Face coverings are required for all workers and customers in accordance with COVID-19 Order 55: *Revised Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places* to prevent against the transmission of COVID-19.
- Group activities where social distancing cannot be maintained are limited to a single campsite group.
- Activities between or among more than one campsite group are permitted provided that each campsite group maintains social distancing of at least 6 feet from each other campsite group.

II. Hygiene Protocols

- Employees, to the extent possible, should not share communication devices or equipment, work gloves, or company vehicles with other employees or guests. If equipment or vehicles are required to be shared, proper sanitization and cleaning shall occur between use.
- Supply employees at workplace location with adequate cleaning products (e.g., sanitizer, disinfecting wipes).
- Ensure access to handwashing facilities on site, including soap and running water, and allow sufficient break time for employees to wash hands frequently; alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol may be used as an alternative.

III. Staffing and Operations

- Visitor centers, campground offices, and other indoor common areas may open at 50% capacity.

- Laundry facilities may be open provided six-foot social distancing is maintained. High touch surfaces in laundry facilities must frequently disinfected and the facility cleaned and disinfected by campground staff on a daily basis.
- Picnic and grill areas should be closed if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Outdoor recreational activities, including, but not limited to, mini-golf, tennis, horseshoe pits and volleyball, may open provided that campgrounds can ensure social distancing is maintained. Campground managers must ensure that equipment and surfaces are cleaned according to the following guidelines: *Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities*.
- Fishing, biking, and hiking are allowable activities provided that social distancing and any applicable guidelines for such activity are followed.
- Managers must post signage and use other communication channels (e.g., websites, social media) to communicate the need for social distancing, frequent hand hygiene/washing, facial covering when in public places and limited activities and use of facilities.
- Log everyone who comes in contact with the campground to enable contact tracing (name and phone number or name and email address), including temporary visitors. It is recommended that at least one individual per campsite is logged so as to assist with contact tracing.
- Encourage workers who test positive for COVID-19 to disclose to the workplace employer for purposes of cleaning / disinfecting and contact tracing. If the employer is notified of a positive case at the workplace, the employer shall notify the local Board of Health (LBOH) in the city or town where the workplace is located and assist the LBOH as reasonably requested to advise likely contacts to isolate and self-quarantine. Testing of other workers may be recommended consistent with guidance and / or at the request of the LBOH.

IV. Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Bike, boat and other rentals may occur if equipment is sanitized between users.
- Operators of primitive or backcountry campgrounds, that provide no traditional campground facilities except privies, should, if feasible, provide guests with information on required social distancing and sanitation protocols, including instructions on self-sanitization of any shared surfaces such as privies and food storage containers.
- Conduct regular and not less than daily cleaning and sanitation of all high-touch areas such as workstations, door handles, water spigots, dishwashing stations and restrooms. Restrooms should be cleaned and sanitized following the *EEA COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation Facility Restroom Cleaning Best Practices*.
- Plastic or Metal picnic tables and other high-touch areas within campsites must be sanitized before each new occupancy.
- Self-Contained Units that are rentals must be cleaned by campground staff meeting all DPH/CDC standards prior to and after occupancy and following the *EEA COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation Facility Restroom Cleaning Best Practices*.