

Alberta's Relaunch Plan: Information for Private Campgrounds

As part of the Government of Alberta's [relaunch plan](#) released last week, [Premier Kenney announced](#) that private and municipal campgrounds and parks can open with physical distancing restrictions, subject to direction from their own local authority.

Campgrounds must take actions to protect workers, volunteers, and clients from the risk of transmission of infection, as per the [Chief Medical Officer of Health Order 07-2020](#).

In order for a campground to open, the following conditions must be met, as per Alberta Environment & Parks' direction to the RVDA (RV Dealers Association of Alberta):

- Proper [disinfection procedures](#) are followed.
- [Social distancing guidelines](#) are adhered to.
- Campers remain within the confines of their campsite, which means no socializing with other campsites.
- Campgrounds follow the same restrictions as other businesses. For example, they cannot provide dine-in restaurant services, must protect visitors and workers against risk of transmission of infection, and are subject to [mass gathering restrictions](#).

A Note About Returning Snowbirds

Returning snowbirds should not be using private campgrounds to isolate unless that is their primary residence. They must follow the requirements laid out by the federal government and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, which includes mandatory isolation for 14 days upon re-entry to Canada.

In order to ensure that private campgrounds are allowed to remain open in 2020, it is imperative that EVERY CAMPGROUND OPERATOR follows these recommendations.

**Parks and Campground Owners Association
of Alberta (PCOAA) Guidelines**

The PCOAA strongly recommends you speak with your Environmental Public Health Inspector as you prepare to open. They also encourage private campground operators to:

- Offer self-contained camping only, including camper's own continuous water supply (e.g., connected to municipal service), sewage holding tanks, or otherwise connected to sewage services, and personal washroom facilities such as RVs and travel trailers.
- Close all shared washroom facilities, including showers.
- Restrict laundry facilities to a single user at a time, and high-touch surfaces must be disinfected between uses. Users should avoid shaking of dirty laundry indoors prior to washing.
- Supervise water fill stations. Operators must practise proper precautions.
- Limit campground capacity to 50%, utilizing every other campsite for spacing. Only one camping unit per site. Exceptions to 50% spacing may be considered for properties with sites that are greater than nine meters (30 ft) wide and for properties where the sites are individually owned or on long-term leases.
- Prohibit group camping.
- Close common buildings and recreational activities including but not limited to: playgrounds, swimming pools, water spray parks, water activities, boat rentals, train/tractor rides, hay rides, mini golf, games rooms, arcades, go-karts, amusement rides, gym facilities, group sports/courts, and any rental equipment.
- Cancel organized activities such as bingo, karaoke, exercise classes, garage sales, and the use of social halls.
- Prohibit social gatherings such as group bonfires, potlucks, happy hour, etc.
- Avoid direct contact with campers (e.g., remote check in).
- Provide information to campers about social distancing during check-in and check-out times. Post signage with rules and COVID-19 precautions.
- Require residents who are required to self-isolate because of international travel, contacts, or symptoms to stay in their RV or on their own campsite/pad.

Note: Beaches are to be assessed closer to swimming season.

General Cleaning

- Create a defined schedule and follow AHS environmental cleaning recommendations. High-touch surfaces are a priority for cleaning and disinfection.
- Increase daily cleaning and disinfection of common areas and high-touch surfaces. Pay particular attention to surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, taps, sinks, and counters.
- *Cleaning* refers to the removal of visible dirt, grime, and impurities. Cleaning does not kill germs but helps remove them from the surface.
- *Disinfecting* refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This is most effective after surfaces are cleaned. Both steps are important to reduce the spread of infection.
- Use a disinfectant that has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and a virucidal claim. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to disinfect effectively.

Alternatively, you can make bleach solution by mixing 20 ml (4 teaspoons) of unscented, household bleach with 1000 ml (4 cups) of water. Ensure the surface remains wet with the bleach water solution for one minute.

More information about cleaning and disinfection is available on the [Health Canada website](#).

Campground Roll Call



As the situation with COVID-19 progresses, the Alberta Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), which manages the Alberta Campground Guide, would like to find out how many campgrounds are open, how many plan to open for the 2020 camping season, and if operations are being modified because of COVID-19.

Please take 2 minutes to fill out Roll Call to help us understand and inform government about the impact of COVID-19 on your business.