



April 17, 2020

Campground Operators in Waushara, Green Lake and Marquette Counties,

Re: Modified Campground Operations in Tri-County

On April 16, 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) issued Emergency Order #28, which extended the Safer-At-Home order until 8 am, May 26, 2020, and allowed certain businesses and activities to start up again. In response to the new order, the local health departments in Waushara, Green Lake and Marquette Counties have modified our campground closure order to allow a gradual opening of campgrounds. Our order was modified, in part, due to efforts of several campground operators in Tri-County, who provided ideas for best practices to help keep campers and our communities safe.

The following plan to open campgrounds may be rescinded if the trend in numbers of positive COVID-19 cases begins to rise significantly in Wisconsin. If the COVID-19 situation dramatically worsens, Tri-County will contact campgrounds to order campgrounds remain closed.

**Beginning April 24, campgrounds may open to seasonal campers.**

**Beginning May 18, campgrounds may open to weekend (non-seasonal) campers with independent units only (those with functional bathrooms.)**

**Campgrounds must follow these best practices during operation.**

1. Encourage campers to bring all food and supplies from their home communities to limit shopping outside the campground.
2. Provide written rules to each customer about social distancing and actively enforce the rules.
3. Close toilet and shower rooms.
4. Close playgrounds.
5. Close public spaces (e.g., arcades, group facilities, recreation halls, ponds and beaches.)
6. Remove picnic tables and outdoor seating in common areas.
7. Limit all campsite occupants to members of a single household (day sites, seasonal sites, camping cabins, tourist rooming houses).
8. Limit group sites to an individual site (single household only).
9. No visitors to campsites or campground property.
10. Campground management shall monitor and enforce 6-foot social distancing with anyone from different households.
11. Children must be under parental supervision at all times.
12. Campers are not permitted to gather with other households, including around the campfire.
13. No group gatherings or organized activities that would violate social distancing. Examples of allowed activities might include online bingo on Zoom, fishing tournaments, or activities that can be done by a single household on their campsite.
14. Operate tourist rooming houses in accordance with DATCP guidance (attached.)
15. Operate campground restaurants and retail food stores in accordance with DATCP guidance (attached.)
16. Pools shall be closed in accordance with the Safer-At-Home order.



17. Staff shall limit interaction with campers through the use of service windows, phones, deliveries, and the internet, as much as possible.
18. Staff shall routinely clean surfaces commonly touched by campers with an EPA registered product for use against coronavirus. Cleaning of camping cabins and tourist rooming houses between guests shall be stepped up. Tips for cleaning are attached.
19. Campground operators shall encourage social distancing, hand hygiene and cleaning in the workplace to protect employees. For more information on how to protect workers, visit DHS and CDC websites.

Tri-County will contact campground operators no later than May 22, 2020, with an update. The intention of the update is to make a determination of when campgrounds may allow tents/dependent units and how best practices may be modified beginning on or after May 26. Our decisions will be based on whether or not DHS issues another extension of the Safer-At-Home order.

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