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**Strategies for Safe Family Camping - Meeting State of Oregon Outdoor Recreation Guidelines** (<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/Ie2342E.pdf>)

**Overview:**

Below you will find our plan for serving our families through socially distant camping opportunities for summer 2020. After that, we have included a table that addresses each point of Oregon State guidance individually. Our plans are overseen not only by appropriate State and county authorities, but guidance from our internal Health and Safety Committee, our [accrediting body](#), the COVID field guide compiled by the [American Camp Association](#), and [Association of Camp Nursing](#). We have also consulted with our chemical provider, Ecolab, about appropriate campsite and general COVID-related cleaning products and practices.

**The Plan:** This is simply camping with the family, similar to a State Park, but with additional cleaning and separation measures, and more limited capacity. Mixed group activities are not allowed. Single household families come for designated two night camping sessions, spaced to allow for cleaning and rest in between sessions. Families camp in our campsites, with limited capacity and a maximum two families per campsite. Each family has their own cooking/eating/sleeping/shower areas. Families bring their own food. Staff is to clean and maintain the facility and act as camp hosts for check-in/check out. Staff will be limited to roughly six staff, except at Camp Meriwether where up to 10 staff may be required for cleaning and maintenance.

**Communication:** A program guide in advance will cover possible self-guided family activities, games, FAQs, safety, and rules. Registration, promotional, and check-in materials will emphasize all social distancing guidelines.

**Health and Safety:** Minimal contact with staff, and prohibited contact with other families would allow social distancing in all things.

- Families are restricted to BYO food.
- Signage in our camps added to clarify do's and don'ts.
- Showers, outhouse stalls, and washstand sinks would be designated for a single family for the duration of the camp session and cleaned between sessions, or more frequently if required.
- Medical staff would be for check-in, emergencies, and whatever pre-screening is required.
- Dining halls and common spaces will be closed or limited to what cleaning standards can be maintained.
- Campsite outhouses will be designated for one family's use, extra portable outhouses may be needed to supplement campsite ones in some cases.

- Staff will be provided training, PPE, and cleaning routine for regular cleaning activities.

**Staff:** Minimal staff will focus on providing a safe/clean facility. No program or food service will be provided. Limited contact with guests (at check-in, departure, trading post, and on the trail) will minimize the chance of spreading sickness.

**Program:** No program will be provided, though self-guided activities will be shared in printed or online form. Families could hike, bike, fish, play games, read, rest, cook, have campfires. The camp guide will provide age-appropriate ideas, maps, and directions to destinations, games, and clarify allowed vs. not allowed activities.

**Capacity:** Varies depending on camp. Limited by shower space: one stall with sink, toilet, shower per family, OR potentially offer primitive sites with no shower access but flushing outhouse and washstand. At most two families per site, with individual dining and designated, well-separated sleeping areas. A rotation of sleeping spaces between sessions will allow for disinfecting and time between users. Some families may bring their own tents instead of using the camp's shelters.

**Facility Improvements:** Note that since last season, flushable outhouses and new covered two sink washstands with stainless steel sinks and soap dispensers have been added to our camps. Additionally, shower facilities now are single stalls with outside only access. Additional dining shelters and picnic tables being added will allow campsites to have separate dining areas for each family.

State of Oregon Guideline from OHA 2342E (5/17/2020) Outdoor recreation organizations are required to:	How Met	By who
Prior to reopening after extended closure, ensure all parks and facilities are ready to operate and that all equipment is in good condition, according to any applicable maintenance and operations manuals and standard operating procedures.	Staff arrive 7-10 days early to support year-round Property Manager, do deep cleaning and setup, and receive training in cleaning, distancing and other procedures.	3-7 Cleaning/Main tenance staff
Prohibit parties (a group of 10 or fewer people that arrived at the site together) from congregating in parking lots for periods longer than reasonable to retrieve/return gear	Use of staggered arrival and departure times help separate families from each other. With reduced capacity, parking areas are sufficient to separate families on arrival and departure.	Check-in staff

and enter/exit vehicles.		
Reinforce the importance of maintaining at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties (a group of 10 or fewer people that arrived at the site together) on hiking trails, beaches and boat ramps through signs and education.	Signs will be prominently posted. Registration information will include rules with pre-screening form. Families will be reminded at check-in of rules. Camp guide will reinforce social distancing and safety rules.	Check-in, office registration, and maintenance staff.
Keep day-use areas that are prone to attracting crowds closed (including but not limited to playgrounds, picnic shelters/structures, water parks and pools, and sports courts for contact sports like basketball).	Common gathering areas will either be labeled as closed, or removed.	Maintenance staff
Prohibit contact sports.	N/A	
Thoroughly clean restroom facilities at least twice daily and, to the extent possible, ensure adequate sanitary supplies (soap, toilet paper, hand sanitizer) throughout the day. Restroom facilities that cannot be cleaned twice daily should be kept closed or a sign should be posted stating that the restroom is unable to be cleaned twice daily.	Each family will be assigned a pre-cleaned outhouse, as well as a family shower stall for the duration of their stay. These will be signed, and staff will be available to clean twice daily.	Cleaning staff
Frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in both public and non-public areas of parks and facilities.	Areas to be cleaned regularly, deep cleaned between sessions.	Cleaning staff
Post clear signs (available at <a href="http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus">healthoregon.org/coronavirus</a> ) listing COVID-19 symptoms, asking employees, volunteers and visitors with symptoms to stay home and who to contact if they need assistance.	Signs will be posted in campsites, on bulletin boards, and in shower/outhouse facilities.	Cleaning/ maintenance staff
Keep any common areas such as	Common areas will be reduced or	Maintenance

picnic tables not in shelters/structures, day-use shelters, and buildings open to the public arranged so there is at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties (chairs, benches, tables). Post clear signs to reinforce physical distancing requirements between visitors of different parties.	removed. Those remaining will be cleaned regularly and have appropriate signage.	staff.
Review and implement <a href="#">Mask and Face Covering Guidance for Business, Transit and the Public.</a>	Face coverings to be worn whenever staff are in proximity of campers or deliveries. Vendors will be required to wear face coverings during deliveries. Campers will be encouraged to bring and use face coverings.	All staff

<b>To the extent possible, outdoor recreation agencies should, but are not required to:</b>		
Consider closing alternating parking spots to facilitate at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties.	Parking will be spaced physically and by assigned arrival/departure times.	Check in team, registration team
Consider opening loop trails in a one-way direction to minimize close contact between hikers. Designate one-way walking routes to attractions if feasible.	Plans for one way/loop trails and signage are being developed.	Camp host
Encourage the public to visit parks and recreation areas during off-peak use times as defined and publicized by park or recreation area management.	Campers will be encouraged to remain on site in promotional material and property guide. Mid-week and weekend sessions will be offered.	Registration team, camp host
Encourage the public to visit parks and recreation areas	Campers will be encouraged to follow restrictions in place for their county.	Promotion/Registration staff.

<p>close to home, avoid overnight trips and minimize travel outside their immediate area for recreation. Especially caution the public to not travel outside of their home area if they live in an area with a high number of reported COVID-19 cases to prevent asymptomatic COVID-19 positive individuals from inadvertently bringing the virus into an area with many fewer cases</p>	<p>Campers may be restricted if necessary by requiring home information in the registration process.</p>	
<p>Consider opening private, municipal, county and federal campgrounds as long as physical distancing requirements can be maintained. Oregon State Parks may make a separate determination on opening state campgrounds depending on readiness, ability to maintain physical distancing requirements and consultation with the Governor.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Consider opening skate parks as long as physical distancing requirements can be maintained.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Encourage visitors to bring their own food, water bottles and hygiene supplies (including hand sanitizer), as well as to take their trash with them when they leave.</p>	<p>Families will have self-contained campsites for cooking and sleeping. The camp will prepare no food for campers, but may offer a concession service window to purchase prepackaged snacks, toiletries, and other common items.</p>	<p>Promotion and registration staff.</p>
<p>Encourage the public to recreate with their own household members rather than with those in their extended social circles.</p>	<p>Family camping is all that is allowed. Guests outside the household will not be allowed, reinforced in promotion, registration, and check-in materials.</p>	<p>Registration and check-in staff.</p>

<p>Encourage the public to recreate safely and avoid traveling to or recreating in areas where it is difficult to maintain at least six (6) feet from others not in their party.</p>	<p>Camp guide will include self-guided activities, with an emphasis on maintaining social distancing.</p>	<p>Monitored by on-site staff.</p>
<p>Position staff to monitor physical distancing requirements, ensure groups are no larger than 10 people, and provide education and encouragement to visitors to support adherence.</p>	<p>Staff will model and encourage physical distancing, and be authorized to reinforce camp rules where campers may not be following them.</p>	<p>Monitored by on-site staff</p>
<p>Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer in common areas such as picnic areas, day-use shelters, and buildings open to the public.</p>	<p>Handwashing stations (in many cases brand new) will be available, signed, and limited to use by one family in the campsites and shower stalls. Hand sanitizer will be provided in common areas if handwashing facilities are not readily available.</p>	<p>Maintenance staff</p>
<p>Consider placing clear plastic or glass barriers in front of cashiers or visitor center counters, or in other places where maintaining six (6) feet of physical distance between employees, volunteers and visitors is more difficult.</p>	<p>Any concessions and public contact areas will be supported by plexiglass barriers to protect campers and staff.</p>	<p>Camp hosts</p>
<p>Review and implement General Guidance for Employers, as applicable.</p>	<p>This will be reviewed and implemented.</p>	