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Statewide Reopening Guidance – Outdoor Recreation Organizations

Authority: Executive Order No. 20-27, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010

Applicability: This guidance applies to Outdoor Recreation Organizations. An outdoor recreation organization is an organization that provides group outdoor activities, including but not limited to hiking, backpacking, bird watching, spelunking, mountain biking, rock climbing, snowshoeing, ice-climbing and agritourism.

Enforcement: To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order 20-27, paragraph 26.

Definitions: For purposes of this guidance, the following definitions apply:

- “Full-contact sports” means sports that involve a requirement or substantial likelihood of routine, sustained close proximity or physical contact between participants, and includes but is not limited to Football, Rugby, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Basketball, Hockey, Dance, Water Polo, Men’s Lacrosse.
- “Minimal- and medium-contact sports” include but are not limited to Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Volleyball, Women’s Lacrosse, Flag Football.
- “Non-contact sports” include but are not limited to Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Cross Country, Track and Field, sideline/no contact cheer and dance.

Outdoor recreation organizations are required to:

- Review and implement [General Guidance for Employers](#).
- 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.
- 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 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.

- Ensure compliance with the [OHA Guidance for Gatherings](#).
- Ensure that physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between people of different parties is maintained at outdoor playgrounds, including splash pads.
- Encourage hand washing for use in and around the outdoor playground, including splash pads. Hand sanitizer is effective on clean hands. Outdoor recreation organizations may make hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content) available to people using the outdoor playgrounds.
- Close sandboxes as they are not allowed at this time.
- Prohibit full contact sports.
- 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.
- Frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in both public and non-public areas of parks and facilities.
- Post [clear signs](#) (available at healthoregon.org/coronavirus) listing COVID-19 symptoms, asking employees, volunteers and visitors with symptoms to stay home and who to contact if they need assistance.
- Keep any common areas such as 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.
- Review and implement [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#).

To the extent possible, outdoor recreation agencies should, but are not required to:

- Consider closing alternating parking spots to facilitate at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties.
- Consider opening loop trails in a one-way direction to minimize close contact between hikers. Designate one-way walking routes to attractions if feasible.
- Encourage the public to visit parks and recreation areas during off-peak use times as defined and publicized by park or recreation area management.
- Encourage the public to visit parks and recreation areas 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.
- 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.

- Consider opening skate parks as long as physical distancing requirements can be maintained.
- 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.
- Encourage the public to recreate with their own household members rather than with those in their extended social circles.
- 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.
- 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.
- Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer in common areas such as picnic areas, day-use shelters, and buildings open to the public.
- 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.

Additional guidance for operators of hayrides

Operators of hayrides are required to:

- Require riders and drivers to wear a mask, face covering or face shield at all times.
- Prohibit more than one party from participating in the ride at one time.
- Require riders to be seated in a way that ensures at least six (6) feet of physical distance from the driver.
- Prohibit riders from riding in the cab with the driver.
- Ensure a party has completely left the ride before another party enters.
- Sanitize ride touch points such as handles between each ride.
- Prohibit congregating at the entrance and exit of the hayride and ensure at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties in line.

Additional guidance for operators of corn mazes

Operators of corn mazes are required to:

- Require participants to wear a mask, face covering or face shield at all times.
- Limit the number of people entering the maze to ensure the requirement of at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties is maintained at all times.
- Implement timed entry into the maze to ensure capacity limits are met and at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties is maintained at all times.
- Prohibit congregating at the entrance and exit of the maze.

- Ensure that the maze is one-way only, with no dead-ends, to minimize close contact between parties, unless only one individual or party at a time is permitted to enter the maze, and no other individual or party is permitted in until the other individual or party has exited.
- Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content) at the entrance and exit to the maze.

Additional resources:

- [Signs you can post](#)
- [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#)
- [OHA General Guidance for Employers](#)
- [CDC's Guidance for Administrators in Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)

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