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Phase Two 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 in Phase Two counties.

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

Outdoor recreation organizations are required to:

- Review and implement [General Guidance for Employers](#).
- Before 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 gathering 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.
- Encourage physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between people from different households 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.
- Thoroughly clean restroom facilities at least twice daily and, to the extent possible, ensure adequate sanitary supplies (soap, toilet paper, hand sanitizer of 60-95% alcohol content) 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](#) that:
 - List COVID-19 symptoms,
 - Ask employees, volunteers and visitors with symptoms to stay home, **and**
 - List 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.
- Follow the [Recreational Sports guidance](#), if applicable.
- Review and implement [Mask and Face Covering Guidance for Business, Transit and the Public](#).

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 non-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 only if 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 only if 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 (60-95% alcohol content) 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.

Guidance for Outdoor Overnight Camps:

Overnight family camps may provide services to families or adults living in the same household.

- Individual lodging units or camp shelters must be limited to a single-family household.

Overnight youth camps may provide services to youth if individual lodging units or camp shelters are provided.

Overnight camps are required to:

- Follow [Oregon General Employer Guidance](#) regarding cleaning and hygiene practices.
- Follow the [Guidance for School Aged Summertime Day Camps](#) for:
 - Health screening protocols and communicable disease management plans.
 - Cohorting practices for any on-site day camp activities for children attending with their parents or legal guardians.
 - Family activities, including cohorting and physical distancing requirements when participating in camp activities.
- Families may voluntarily form a stable cohort or single party of no more than 10 people when participating in activities and dining. Cohorts or single parties should maintain six (6) feet of physical distance between each other.
- Follow [Statewide Gatherings guidance](#) and [Phase 2 Venue and Event Operators guidance](#), as applicable.
- Follow the [Swimming Pools guidance](#) for a county with on-site pools.
- Follow the Restaurant and Bar guidance, for [Phase 1](#) or [Phase 2](#), if providing meals. The guidance followed is based on the county where overnight camping is happening.
 - Stable cohorts or single parties of no more than 10 may eat “family style” within their own cohort or party. Multiple cohorts or parties are not allowed to dine together.

Additional resources:

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

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