



Reopening Guidance FAQs – Outdoor Recreation Organizations *(Updated 6-29-2020)*

Below are answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Reopening Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations. The FAQ are split into [statewide FAQ](#) and [FAQ specifically for counties in Phase Two](#). OHA provides these FAQ to help the public understand the guidance, to respond to stakeholder questions, and to clarify how the guidance may apply in specific scenarios. These FAQ may be intermittently updated. The FAQ is not intended to take the place of the guidance, but rather to interpret, supplement, and help fill in the details of the guidance.

Frequently Asked Questions for Statewide Outdoor Recreation Guidance

Q1. Is camping allowed if we bring our own tents and prepare our own food?

A1. Yes. Public and private campgrounds are permitted to operate. Group activities are permitted among members of the same household — which is limited to 10 people. Otherwise, people must maintain at least six (6) feet of physical distance between each other.

Q2. How do gathering limits apply at campgrounds?

A2. Campers must follow the gathering size restrictions for the county where the campground is located. Campers must remain at least six (6) feet apart at all times, unless they are part of the same party. Parties must not exceed 10 people. Refer to the [Reopening Guidance Tool](#) for information about gathering sizes.

Q3. Do loaner life jackets/personal flotation devices (PFDs) need to be sanitized between each use?

A3. Yes, life jackets and personal flotation devices (PDFs) must be sanitized between each use. Outdoor recreation organizations are required to frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in both public and non-public areas of parks and facilities. Use disinfectants that are included on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) approved list](#) for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. No product will be labeled for COVID-19 yet, but many products will have a label or information available on their websites about their effectiveness for human coronavirus.

Q4. How should we clean paddle boats, kayaks, paddles and other rental equipment?

A4. Outdoor recreation organizations are required to frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in both public and non-public areas of parks and facilities. Outdoor recreation organizations should clean all shared equipment between uses. Use disinfectants that are included on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) approved list](#) for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. No product will be labeled for COVID-19 yet, but many products will have a label or information available on their websites about their effectiveness for human coronavirus.

Q5. What are the guidelines for bicycling? Are there recommendations for distancing between cyclists, the number of cyclists in a group, and/or wearing masks while riding?

A5. Bicyclists should follow the Statewide Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations. This includes maintaining physical distance of at least six (6) feet, wearing face coverings when unable to maintain that distance, and limiting gathering size to [county phase requirements](#) for this activity.

Q6. If more than one guidance document is applicable to my sector, how do I choose which one to follow?

A6. Organizations must follow all applicable sector guidance.

Frequently Asked Questions for Phase Two Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations

Q1. How often should we clean outdoor playgrounds?

A1. Outdoor recreation organization operators must clean outdoor playgrounds once during peak use times and again at the end of the day.

Q2. What is the guidance for outdoor adult adventure programs?

A2. Adult outdoor adventure programs are allowed only under Phase Two. Operators of these types of programs must follow [Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations](#) and limit gatherings in accordance with [Phase Two OHA Guidance for Gatherings](#).

Q3. Are outdoor sports tournaments allowed in Phase Two?

A3. Yes. Tournament organizers must comply with [Phase Two OHA Guidance for Gatherings](#), [Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Venue and Event Operators](#) and [Phase 2 Reopening Guidance for Recreational Sports, Limited Return to Play for Specified Sports](#). Event organizers must develop a plan to limit the number of spectators admitted into the premises so that everyone can keep six (6) feet of physical distance. Event operators are required to limit the gathering capacity to a maximum of 250 people or the number of people, including staff, based on a determination of capacity (square footage/occupancy), whichever is less.

Q4. Are fairs allowed to take place in any of the phases?

A4. Fairs, such as a county fair, are allowed. Fair operators must follow the [Phase Two Guidance for Venue and Event Operators](#) and limit capacity in accordance with the guidance. Fair operators must also follow Governor's [Executive Order](#) travel recommendations and limit non-essential travel.

Q5. Can adults with disabilities who are from the same group home attend family overnight camp without their guardians/caregivers on site?

A5. Yes, overnight family camp operators may provide services to families or adults living in the same household. Overnight camp operators are required to follow [Phase Two Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations](#).

Q6. Can youth camp organizations provide overnight camping to families if all activities, restrooms and lodging are for one family only?

A6. Yes. Overnight family camping is permitted in Phase Two in accordance with the [Phase Two Guidance for Outdoor Recreation Organizations](#). Overnight youth camp operators may provide services to youth if individual lodging units or camp shelters are provided.

Q7. If youth stay overnight in a large bunk house and are separated by at least six (6) feet, or a non-permeable barrier, is that considered individual lodging?

A7. No, unless they are all from the same household. Overnight camp operators must not house youth together who do not live in the same household in any type of lodging, including in large cabins with separate rooms. Individual lodging units or camp shelters for each person are required. Members of the same household are allowed to stay together in a lodging unit or camp shelter.

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