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CAMPGROUNDS CLOSED TO PROTECT AGAINST SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN FLORENCE COUNTY

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To ensure state and local guidance for COVID-19 measures are being followed and protect the safety of employees, visitors and community members, Florence County is delaying the opening of all campgrounds. Public restrooms at trailheads and public restrooms at boat landings are also closed to protect the health and safety of the community. However, trails and boat landings will remain open to the public while encouraging everyone to practice social distancing.

- Effective today April 16, 2020, all campgrounds will remain closed through May 14, 2020.
- Campgrounds will not take new reservations for dates prior to June 1, 2020

The rationale for the decision to delay the opening of campgrounds in Florence County aligns with Wisconsin Governor Evers' Emergency Order #12: Safer at Home Order and includes the following reasons:

- Reduces non-essential travel
- Reduces exposure through shopping at local stores in our county for supplies and groceries
- Reduces influx of travelers from outside of our county to follow the Governor's travel order
- Reduces the probability for the congregating of groups greater than 9 people
- To protect the health and safety of campground employees
- To prevent the potential exposures for staff and the public within shared toilets, laundry and shower facilities
- To reduce the stress on law enforcement required to enforce the State's Emergency Order

Public health officials continue to share prevention strategies:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when sick.
- Practice social and physical distancing.

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COVID-19 continues to evolve and our strategies to combat the spread. For the latest information, visit the [CDC's website](#), the [DHS website](#), or the Florence County Health Department Facebook or website at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>.

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