



Florence County Health Department



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TO: Special Attention to Campground Owners/Operators in Florence County

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RE: Safer at Home Order, Badger Bounce Back and Opening Campgrounds

On April 16, 2020 Wisconsin Secretary of Health Designee Andrea Palm extended the Wisconsin Safer at Home Order (Emergency Order #28) to May 26, 2020. The extension of the order included some operational flexibility to some businesses formerly determined to be non-essential. In accordance with authority given to local health department through the COVID-19 public health emergency, I hereby allow campground openings beginning immediately:

Campgrounds shall:

1. Comply with requirements of Safer at Home Order Sections 13.b (selling groceries and medicine), 13.d (restaurant operations), and 13.e (bar operation);
2. Close swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities;
3. Prohibit guests from congregating in lobbies or other common areas, including providing adequate space to adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while queuing for front desk services;
4. Campground occupants shall maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times;
5. Prohibit the use of buildings or public spaces that would encourage social gatherings of any number of people including, but not limited to: toilet facilities, laundry facilities and shower buildings;
6. Limit all campsites to members of a single household or living unit. All other private gatherings of any number of people are prohibited;
7. Increase cleaning and disinfection practices;
8. Encourage that only necessary workers are present, and adopt policies to prevent workers exposed to COVID-19 or symptomatic workers from coming to work.

In addition all business must:

1. Avoid meeting in person whenever possible, and switch to virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e. work from home) if possible;
2. Comply with all Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidelines for businesses <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>;

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3. All businesses are encouraged to follow WEDC's best practices for a COVID-19 response plan.

<https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-Compliance-List-FINAL.pdf>

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation. Conditions related to the pandemic are subject to change. For physical distancing signs, please contact Amber at the Florence County Health Department at phep@co.florence.wi.us or 715-528-4837.