



COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE:

Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation

Release date: **June 5, 2020**

Recommended effective date
no sooner than: **June 12, 2020**

All guidance should be implemented only with county health officer approval following their review of local epidemiological data including cases per 100,000 population, rate of test positivity, and local preparedness to support a health care surge, vulnerable populations, contact tracing, and testing.





Additional Considerations for Visitors

- When camping or engaging in outdoor recreation, visitors should make sure they plan ahead. When possible, visitors should make reservations and purchase permits, firewood, ice and other items online or by phone before arriving on site. Cash-less and minimal-contact transactions are becoming a common operating procedure in many establishments to avoid lines and person-to-person interactions. This will help protect visitors and staff.
- Visitors should be prepared to be as self-contained and self-sufficient as possible. For example, arrive prepared with your own soap, surface disinfectant supplies, hand sanitizer, paper towels/hand towels, and toilet paper. It is also advisable to bring disinfecting wipes to clean up before and after use of common facilities. Bring your own sports equipment, towels, first aid supplies, and other items needed for outdoor recreation whenever possible. Visitors should bring plastic table cloths for picnic tables that can be disposed of or taken back home for washing.
- To ensure physical distancing can be maintained, visitors should set up their campsite or picnic areas to maximize distance from adjacent campsites and picnic sites that host people from different households.
- Visitors should be prepared to follow all rules and updated policies at campgrounds, RV parks, and other outdoor recreational areas, including public parks, walking trails, and marinas. These new rules and policies could include:
 - Come to the park or facility prepared. Many programs and facilities will be canceled or closed, so visitors should check online resources for updated information about rule changes and closures to know what to expect upon arrival. For example, some outdoor recreation areas may not open immediately due to the time required for gates to be unlocked, sites to be serviced, and potential for crowding.
 - Observe all cleaning protocols for self-service facilities and amenities before using them.
 - Leave furniture, such as picnic tables and chairs, as they were found as park staff may have appropriately spaced these items to encourage physical distancing.

- Follow directional signage – e.g., wait your turn and abide by capacity limits – that will promote physical distancing in buildings, at overlooks, and around other confining spaces.
- Plan your travel in a safe and responsible way. Be mindful that backcountry and rescue operations require many emergency responders and extra demands on those healthcare resources puts everyone at risk.

¹Additional requirements must be considered for vulnerable populations. Campgrounds, RV parks, and outdoor recreation operators must comply with all [Cal/OSHA](#) standards and be prepared to adhere to its guidance as well as guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#). Additionally, employers must be prepared to alter their operations as those guidelines change.

