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Outdoor Recreation-Consolidated Reopening Guidance

This Outdoor Recreation Guidance consolidated, updated and modified the following previously-issued sector guidance: Campgrounds, Drive-In Theaters, Tourist Trains, Attractions, State Parks, and Beaches. This consolidated and updated guidance is effective on June __, 2020.

General Business Guidance:

1. Review and follow the [Universal Guidelines](#) for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.
2. Review and follow the CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection.
3. Review and follow the industry-specific and general applicable guidance from the CDC, the [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#), the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) guidance, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
4. The business or organization operated may fall under multiple industry-specific guidance issued by the State of New Hampshire. All such guidance must be reviewed and complied with by the business or organization, as applicable.
5. Business and organization owners, managers, and all employees must familiarize themselves with the symptoms of COVID-19, general information about COVID-19, and ways to stop the spread of COVID-19 within their industry.

Employee Protection:

1. Employees must wear cloth face coverings at all times when indoors or when in public locations or shared staff areas and social distancing cannot be maintained, including when interacting with customers.
2. Trainings must be provided on the use of cloth face coverings/mask based on the Universal Guidelines.
3. Employees wearing face coverings must not touch their eyes, nose, mouth, or face, or adjust their face mask without first sanitizing hands. After touching face or adjusting mask, hands must be sanitized.
4. Depending upon their function, staff must be issued latex/non-latex gloves, eye protection (goggles or face shields), and cloth face coverings or other appropriate protective equipment.
5. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be made readily available and must be placed throughout the business or organization, including on entry, in key walkways, in food and beverage locations, in shops, at checkout locations, and at exits. Hand sanitizer must also be provided in non-public settings such as maintenance areas, workshops, offices, and break areas.
6. Shifts, breaks, and meals should be staggered, in compliance with wage and hour laws and requirements to maintain social distancing.

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7. Employers must implement employee education and training around safe practices as it relates to hygiene, sanitation and illness policies outlined in the Universal Guidelines for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.
8. Multiple employees may ride in vehicles but must wear protective face coverings. Vehicles must be disinfected after use.
9. Shared use tools and equipment will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Customer Protection:

10. All customers should be asked to wear a cloth face mask covering nose and mouth when indoors or in public spaces with other individuals present or when social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Business Process Adaptations:

11. Commonly touched surfaces, work areas, and public areas should be frequently cleaned and disinfected according to [CDC guidance](#) at a minimum every 2 hours and at the end of each shift.
12. Staff and customers should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others at all times.
13. Touchless transactions should be made available, as feasible.
14. Signage must be prominently posted at the entrance informing customers about symptoms of COVID-19 and guests/visitors should be asked to:
 1. remain home if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (list common symptoms of COVID-19); and
 2. keep a safe distance of at least 6 feet from other people visiting at all times; and
 3. Practice frequent hand hygiene/washing; and
 4. Wear a cloth face covering over mouth and nose to protect others when in public locations where other consumers might be present (e.g. bathroom facilities) or when social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Campgrounds

Consumer Protection:

1. Campgrounds may be open to New Hampshire residents, members, or out of state visitors who have met the 14-day quarantine requirement. Members are not required to meet the quarantine requirement. A "membership" means an arrangement that involves a binding and ongoing legal or monetary commitment to a particular campground or campsite such as a seasonal pass/rental agreement, a year round pass/rental agreement, or a deposit on a seasonal or year round pass/rental agreement. Memberships in a generalized rewards/discount program do not qualify as memberships for purposes of these guidelines.
2. Operators should require a copy of a NH driver's license or a signed document from the guest(s) attesting that all the person(s) staying at the campground/lodging facility remained

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at a home for at least 14 days before arriving in New Hampshire, only going out for essential items or outdoor exercise and when outside of the home maintained social distancing and wore cloth face coverings/masks when within 6 feet of another person during this 14 day "quarantine". Out-of-state guests should be made aware at the time of the reservation of this requirement and signature.

3. All Facilities, including pools, playgrounds, equipment rentals and campsites may be opened. Camping, including RV's using full hookups or holding tanks, will be limited based on the ability to social distancing between sites.
4. Visitors are allowed at campsites.
5. All rental locations, campsites and equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use.
6. Restrooms must be frequently cleaned and disinfected, especially high-touch surfaces. Where feasible, restrooms may be converted to family style, single use facilities where one campsite group may enter at a time.
7. Restrooms serving campsites for camping, other than RVs with or using full hookups or holding tank, will be supplemented by a limited number of portable toilets, at or near the restroom or in other appropriate locations in the campground.
8. Dishwashing stations may be open but only under social distancing, signage, and disinfection protocols.

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Administration offices must remain closed to the public.
2. All reservations must be made online or by telephone in advance.
3. Walk-in registrations are not allowed.
4. COVID-19 messaging must be provided at the time of reservation: Persons taking reservations must advise that if anyone in a party is feeling sick or may have been exposed to the virus in the past 14 days, they must stay home.
5. All guests must be screened at check-in using the customer/client screening guidance outlined in the Universal Guidelines for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.
6. When checking campers in, campgrounds must minimize contact as much as possible. If possible, perform the check-in outside by the camper's vehicle, have the campers pay in advance, pay by credit card, use gloves, and follow social distancing protocols.
7. When checking campers in, provide information to all campers of the need for social distancing, frequent hand hygiene/washing, cloth face covering use when in public places, and of limited activities and facilities.

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8. Check-in may be conducted using one of the following options in the below order of preference:
 - a. Campers will self-check-in via an on-line app at the campground; app will not allow check-in unless the campers are at the campground and have location services turned on. One router will be available for access outside the campground office to provide a WIFI connection. (Applies to State Park Campgrounds only)
 - b. Curbside check-in with credit card, sneeze guards, and staff wearing a face mask.
 - c. Staff will drive through campground to verify that the campers are on site; staff will enter this information the business or organization's registration system.

Drive-In Movie Theaters

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Cars must maintain a sufficient distance from one another to allow social distancing practices to be observed at all times.
2. Patrons must maintain proper social distancing, staying in or immediately around their cars.
3. Restrooms must be supplemented by a limited number of portable toilets to eliminate the need for patrons to wait on line for the restrooms and to promote social distancing.

Tourist Sightseeing Trains

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Total passenger car capacity limited to 50% with assigned seating required. Seating assignments should provide a minimum of 6 feet of distancing within passenger cars when possible. Family members may sit in close proximity to one another. Passengers will be required to wear cloth face coverings while in the passenger car except while consuming food or beverage.
2. NH residents providing proof of residency with a valid driver's license or other form of proof may be seated on the train cars specifically designated for them.
3. All guests will be boarded directly onto the cars in which they are assigned to ride. Guests will be seated from back to front to limit anyone walking closer than needed. Guests will be prevented from moving from car to car or trading seats with other guests except for the use of rest rooms that are located in other cars or other extenuating circumstances.
4. On all days in where circumstances permit all windows in passenger coaches will be kept open to enhance the flow of fresh air within the passenger coaches. Cars equipped with air-conditioning systems will have their filters serviced after each day of operation.

Attractions

Consumer Protection:

1. All facilities should have a communication plan to educate guests prior to their visit about the health and safety practices at the venue and what the guests need to be aware of when they

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arrive. Such communication plans shall include, but not be limited to, online methods (e.g., website, social media sites), email or other electronic communication, such as reservations or confirmations, and print mailings to the guest.

2. Facilities must build social distancing into the operation of restrooms.
3. All guests must be screened at check-in using the customer/client screening guidance outlined in the Universal Guidelines for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees. A version of this checklist should be included in reservation confirmations.

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Capacity is limited to the number of people where social distancing is able to be safely maintained with at least 36 square feet of space per person. The 36 square foot requirement shall not apply to close household contacts (e.g. a parent and child).
2. Admission limits will be determined for daily and hourly capacities to ensure appropriate social distancing. Advance reservations will have priority and general admission will be permissible based on availability. Attractions should determine admission limits by ensuring that each guest has 36 square feet of space at all times.
3. Where possible, clearly mark physical distancing spaces/guidelines with floor/ground markings, seat markings, or signs.
4. Visitors will enter and exit via separate areas and facilities will develop plans to make traffic flow one directional, wherever possible. One-directional flow will be mapped out at all facilities, including clearly marked ingress and egress points and easy-to-understand directional signage that will show the direction of traffic flow.
5. Utilize touch-free/contactless payment options when possible, reducing face-to-face purchase transactions. Guests should purchase tickets or schedule appointments online whenever possible.
6. Place plexiglass or other types of barriers/hygiene screens between guests and staff who are in frequent close interaction areas wherever practical to reduce exposure to a person's respiratory droplets. Clean the barriers/hygiene screens regularly.
7. Indoor seating will be closed. Any outdoor seating will be spaced more than 6 feet apart to maintain social distancing.
8. Limit surfaces touched by visitors and employees, i.e. leave doors open where possible, no access to public water fountains and remove lids from trash cans.
9. All Camps and Organized Groups will remain suspended.
10. Amusement park type rides will remain closed.

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State Parks

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Parks must either remove picnic tables or develop a process for cleaning and disinfecting.
2. Water bubblers and fountains must be turned off. Messaging must be provided to visitors regarding the need for visitors to bring their own supplies of water.
3. Parks must build social distancing into the operation of restrooms and changing facilities.
4. Parks must use no-touch trash cans without lids to open.
5. Parks must provide for cash payments in their reservation system, if feasible.
6. Handling of cash and credit/debit cards must be limited and online sales must be utilized wherever possible.
7. All surfaces in restrooms, pit toilets, and portable toilets must be regularly cleaned and disinfected.
8. All trailheads/parking areas with kiosks shall have Parks/COVID Guidance posters. Guidance will also be posted on Bureau of Trails website and Facebook page.

Flume Gorge Guidelines:

1. Online advance ticketing only; limit 4-6 transactions; limit to 6 people. Capacity limitations shall be determined by following the Attractions Guidance. Must have ticket to enter visitor center.
2. Where possible, clearly mark physical distancing spaces/guidelines with floor/ground markings, seat markings, or signs.
3. Limit/discourage cash transactions; encourage touchless transactions. Establish a check-in process using tablet or other similar process.
4. Visitors must exit building to hike trail through one turnstile and return through a separate turnstile. Doors must remain open.
5. All indoor seating must be removed. Any outdoor seating should be separated by at least 6 feet of distance.
6. Most or all exhibits should not be on display for the remainder of the year to reduce congregating.
7. No shuttle bus service shall be available until further notice.
8. No bus groups shall be allowed until further notice.
9. Food & Beverage Operations shall be Grab n' Go format only.

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Inland Beaches Guidelines:

1. Limit occupancy - the capacity of each beach must be determined under social distancing guidelines to prevent overcrowding.
2. Picnic tables must be spread out 6 feet apart to maintain social distancing.
3. The following beach activities are permitted: Walking/running; swimming; sitting, playing, and sunbathing as long as social distancing is maintained.
4. ~~Group activities will not be allowed. Violators will be asked to leave the beach.~~
5. Lifeguards on duty, where feasible, under guidance from US Lifeguarding Association Guidelines
6. Restrooms should implement single use family bathrooms, where possible. Limit occupancy to group restroom facilities.
7. If possible, restrooms should be supplemented by portable toilets to eliminate the need for patrons to wait on line for the restrooms and to promote social distancing.

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Off-highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Motorized Trails Guidelines:

The following trails, restrooms, and parking facilities are open:

1. Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area (Army Corp license to DNCR)
 - a. No restroom facilities
 - b. Main parking lot (40 vehicles)
2. Hillsborough Recreational Rail Trail (DNCR property)
 - a. No restroom facilities
 - b. Hillsborough Fish & Game Club parking lot (10 vehicles)
3. Pisgah State Park (to open May 23, DNCR property)
 - a. No restroom facilities
 - b. Rte 119 parking lot (15 vehicles)
4. Jericho Mountain State Park/Berlin Area (DNCR property/municipal)
 - a. Warming hut will remain closed.
 - b. Visitor Center would operate under Retail Guidance
 - c. Pit toilet at scenic Warming Hut overlook (1) and Jericho Lake overlook (1); flush toilets Visitor Center (2) can be segregated from the store and administration.
 - d. Visitor Center Parking Lot (60 vehicles), Event Area parking (100 vehicles).
 - e. Rte 110 Connector into Berlin open and all Berlin streets open for riding. City parking lot on Rte 110 open for use (50 vehicle capacity), all other City OHRV lots closed. Berlin north into Milan Connectors open; East River Road, Bridge Street, Rte 110B, Rte 110A.
 - f. Gorham loop; Smitty's Trail to Presidential Rail Trail and back to Berlin open for riding.

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5. Millsfield Pond-area trails
 - a. Club parking lots (3); (50 vehicle capacity)
 - b. Connector trails South to Milan will be open; Connectors to the N and E to be blocked with barricades with signage about trail closure beyond this point. No connection to Errol, Dixville or Cambridge areas.
 - c. Connection from Millsfield to Berlin via Rte 110A, 110B, East River Road open May 23.
6. Sugar River Rail Trail (open year-round, DNCR property)
 - a. No facilities
 - b. Newport and Claremont parking areas (25 vehicles combined)
7. Fremont Branch-Rockingham Recreational Trail (open year-round, DNCR property)
 - a. No facilities
 - b. Fremont Rte. 107 lot (25 vehicles) and Warner Hill Road lot Derry (15 vehicles)
8. Ammonoosuc Recreational Trail (open year-round- DOT property managed by DNCR)
 - a. No facilities
 - b. Littleton parking (Industrial Park Drive- 25 vehicles)
 - c. Connection to Haverhill open
9. Contoocook (small parking lot in Town, no restrooms provided)
10. Claremont (parking at Burger King, not restrooms provided)
11. Warren/Wentworth (parking at Missile in village, no restrooms provided)
12. Club trail systems opened for riding, no pit or portable toilets or other services available:
 - a. Millsfield Pond area trails
 - i. Connector trail Northwest to Colebrook/Pittsburg
 - ii. Connector trail Northeast to Errol
 - iii. Connector trail East to Cambridge/Milan/Success
 - b. Umbagog Trail Network
 - i. Errol town trail/13 Mile Woods
 - ii. Forest roads north of Rte 26 to Pittsburg and Colebrook
 - c. Colebrook area - All trails in and around Colebrook (pending landowners)
 - d. Pittsburg area - Conn Lakes Headwaters/Perry Stream Property/connectors in and around Pittsburg
 - e. Gorham - Rte 2/16 to businesses
 - f. Stratford area - N. Stratford trails and connector north toward Colebrook
 - g. Groveton/Start- Trails and connectors East to Milan to open

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h. Remaining trail networks south of 'The Notches'.

13. OHRV Club Volunteers must be informed that they are to follow the [Universal Guidelines](#) for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.

Seacoast Beaches

General Common Objectives for All Communities

1. PARKING

- a. No public parking along NH 1A and NH 1B on the seacoast route except in the State Park All public parking lots, including town, state will be limited to 50% capacity.
- b. Private Parking Lots (over 22 parking spaces may open at 100% capacity)
- c. Business and beach employee parking and all state and town leased parking are not counted against capacity limits.
- d. Resident parking only on all town roads and at beach access points along NH 1A and NH 1B. Designated resident parking only on NH 1A and NH 1B should be maintained and clearly signed. Other than resident/permit parking, all Town Roads in Rye will be posted no parking.
- e. No drop offs are permitted along NH 1A and NH 1B to access the beaches, including but not limited to buses, taxis, ride service or private vehicles.

2. TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMUNICATION PLAN

- a. Coordinated effort to be established and operated by town public safety officials for all traffic electronic signage to update the general public.
- b. Appropriate signage (reader boards, highway indicators) will be utilized to communicate limitations on parking as well as when daily parking capacity is reached at State Beach lots. Signage to be appropriately located as to prevent unnecessary traffic congestion on NH 1A and NH 1B.
- c. Establish media campaign (print, TV/radio, as well as social media) that discloses the rules, restrictions and limitations to the general public. The Town, State Parks and all the partners will have information about the parking limitations on their websites and where applicable.

3. SEACOAST BEACH (THE SAND) PLAN

- a. All seacoast beaches will be open. **Group size limited to 10 individuals or less.** All individuals must maintain a minimum six-foot distance between other groups at all times.
- b. All activities at the State Beaches will continue to be subject to administrative rules.
- c. All services required for ADA compliances will continue to be offered by State Parks.

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- d. Social distancing and sanitation protocols will be applied by NH State Parks for restroom operations.

4. ADDITIONAL TOWN AND STATE PARK GUIDANCE

- a. Along with the above common guideline directives, each town and NH State Parks can develop more specific guidelines to implement this plan and add other more restrictive guidelines that would complement the overall strategy within their respective authorities.

- Rye
 - 1. Rye Beach Permit parking will be allowed along Sawyers Beach on NH 1A.
- North Hampton
 - 1. All town roads are closed to on street parking.
 - 2. No parking on NH 1A in the Town of North Hampton.
 - 3. State Parks will allow use of 100 % of the resident leased parking spaces.
- New Castle
 - 1. Fort Stark and Fort Constitution remain closed to parking.
- Seabrook
 - 1. NH 1A parking lot north, which is state owned, will remain closed.

5. ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION

- a. During both the early stages of re-opening of the regional beaches and into the summer, there will be a coordinated effort around public safety headed up by local town public safety officials, New Hampshire Division of Public Health and assisted by the New Hampshire State Police as requested by individual towns.

6. PLAN REVIEW.

- a. The nature of the COVID19 Pandemic requires that this plan be reviewed on a weekly basis by all parties to provide ongoing coordination, evaluation of issues and address local operational needs.